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WIFE Traditionally the "feminine" partner; responsible for domestic tasks and child care.

HUSBAND Wears suit or other "manly gear." Watches sports on TV. Performs heavy lifting, household repairs and yard work.

MARRIAGE Ancient quaint custom in which males and females pair up, supposedly for life. 50 percent failure rate.

SEX POSITIVE He sleeps with his secretary. She sleeps with her priest.

VANILLA He comes in five minutes. She just likes to be held. (See also: "Faked Orgasm," "Missionary Position.")

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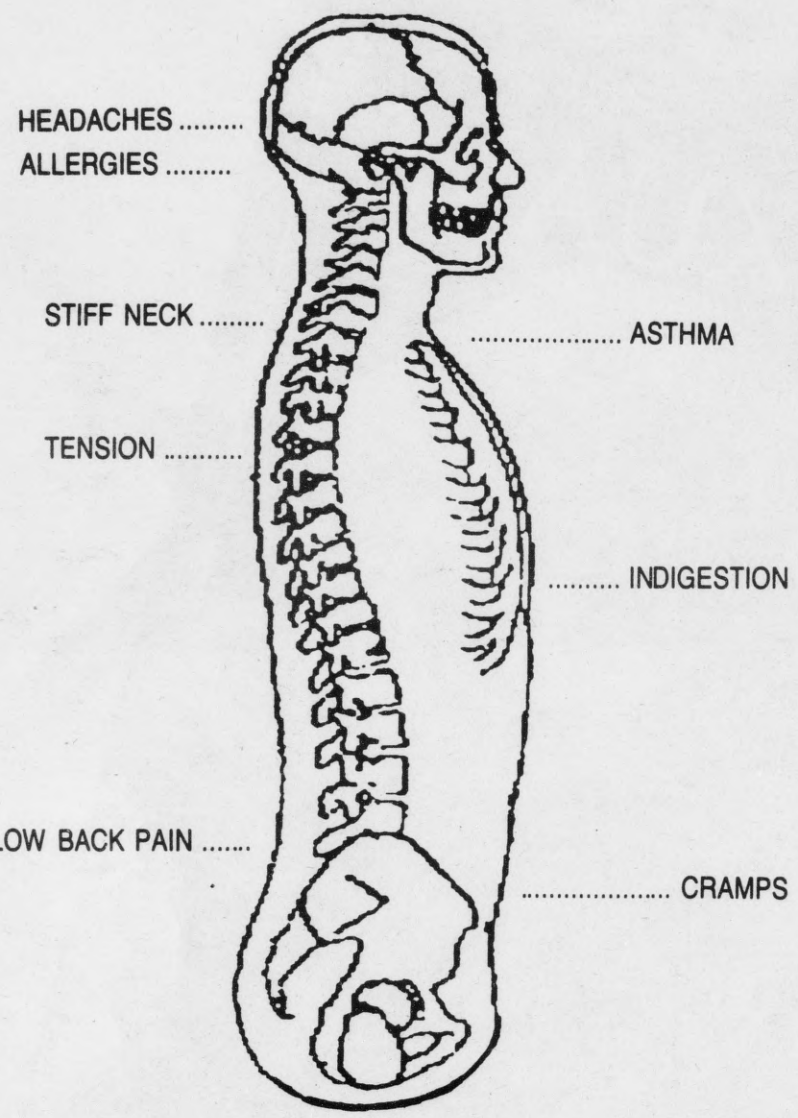

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Defining Each Other

The *SF Bay Times* Letters section has become a bloody battleground in a war of words.

Many gays and lesbians recognize the immense power of words, and we fight to redefine our lives through language of our own choosing. The process is a vital one, but in our enthusiasm we sometimes make the mistake of trying to define each other as well as ourselves, and it is here that we risk betraying our own principles.

RachAel Rosen, a thoughtful and impassioned letter writer, ("Lesbian Reality," May 20) faces the problem head-on when she complains that her words have been "altered"; yet she does not hesitate to describe her "self-hating" critics as "male- and het-identified 'Lesbians'." Loath to let anyone define her reality, she has turned right around and defined theirs.

Allen Carson ("Courageously Queer Roots," June 17) eloquently defends his identification with the word "queer"; but when it comes to characterizing those who disagree with him, he cannot resist slams such as "assimilated homosexuals" who are returning to "invisibility and the closet." There's a slap in the face for anyone who marches under a Gay Pride banner!

Consider this caustic three-way: Jay ("Political Wankers," June 3) worries that RachAel will "never accept that I'm gay," and then goes on to pit "fat butch cripples" against "recognizable women." Elizabeth Kristen ("Dykes Are Ignored," June 17), who condemns cavalier use of the word "Nazi", takes offense and replies, "I can only assume (Jay) to be male by the stupidity of his response." Sexist generalizations aside, Elizabeth must not have finished reading Jay's letter. If she had, she would know that Jay explicitly calls herself a "real lesbian."

All of these people start out by defending their right to self-definition, and they grow incensed when the world mis-names them. In their anger, though, they end up doing the thing they deplore, turning their own message on its head.

It doesn't need to be this way. We can and should disagree with each other. But when we do, we should focus our rage on ideas rather than people, and save the name calling for our real enemies. Above all, we should listen respectfully and empathetically when our brothers and sisters tell us, in their own words, who they are.

Queer? Gay? It doesn't matter which word you use, so long as you use it with pride.

Paul Dana
San Francisco

Queers, Practice What You Preach

In a city such as San Francisco, where sexual diversity should be commonly accepted, there seems to be quite a bit of discrimination going on. Such discrimination is *not* just done by the heterosexual community, but by different facets of the homosexual community as well.

I've read several articles on butch vs. femme, and that's only part of the problem. The lesbian community discriminates against the gay male population and vice versa. And both populations discriminate against the transvestite and transsexual populations. With such hatred going on, how can anybody in the "queer" population demand equal rights when they aren't willing to let each other enjoy what few rights they have? And what will happen if you get such rights?

As a member of San Francisco's transsexual population, I have witnessed a wide variety of discrimination in many different forms—the worst being flat-out lack of consideration.

I find gay males to be the most inconsiderate and discriminatory toward me. They don't even care what my sexual orientation is; they just seem to despise me for *not* being one of them instead of [respecting] the choice I've made.

Would you like equal rights? Sure, you would love it. But until you practice what you preach, you don't deserve a pot to piss in or a window to throw it out of. I do mean everybody. Perhaps the best way to have equal rights in the form that the queer population demonstrates would be to remove everybody's rights.

When people discriminate based on color, gender, sexual orientation or otherwise, it puts everybody in a bad light. It seems the queer population would like to abolish discrimination based on sexual orientation, yet it discriminates against its own members on that same basis. Witness the lesbian vs. gay and butch vs. femme debates going on in San Francisco. Face it, people, you most certainly have not earned the rights you seek!

Sarah Frost
San Francisco

Angry, Not Proud?

This is in response to "Very Angry Lesbian," whose letter appeared in the June 17 *SF Bay Times*. "Angry" is not proud of the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender pride Parade, which she watches on her TV rather than attending, because the pride festival is full of "trashy" people, "exhibitionists" and others who kiss and take their clothes off in public. "Angry" is very explicit about her anger. "I hate them," she says. "Angry" is also very explicit about what makes her proud: her career, the income property she owns, her good-looking girlfriend. She probably has a nice TV and is proud of it too.

So you "don't do drugs," "don't smoke" and you've "never been in trouble with the law," all things you are also apparently proud of. It's the law that is in trouble with you. If you've never been in trouble with it, if you're not angry enough with it to get in trouble, if you can't even mix it up with your brothers and sisters in a fucking parade, then just whose respect are you looking for? Rush Limbaugh's? Phyllis Schlafly's? The major TV networks'? Jesse Helms'? Do you think Jesse Helms is any less disgusted by what you do with your girlfriend in your bedroom than by the parade coverage you and he watch together on TV?

This is to let "Angry" know that the revolution is not about income property or good-looking girlfriends and boyfriends; and it's not on TV either. It's about being real, honey. It's about the ultimate rejection of the "Leave It to Beaver" land you're trying to fit into. It's about not buying into all the crap about how all our morals and public costumes should be identical. It's about including people instead of cutting them out. It's about getting out there and living and showing the way we feel in all our diverse glory. None of this happens on the lazyboy in front of the TV.

If 75 to 85 percent of your friends agree with your views, as you say, couldn't it just be that you discriminate in your friendships the same way you probably discriminate in your income property (no queer kissing outside of closed doors on your property); the same way lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (I'll bet the latter really get you steamed with all the TV coverage they get) have been consistently discriminated against by our patriarchal, homophobic power structure? Since your values are apparently the same as theirs—the hatred, the TV reality mentality, income as the ultimate standard of success—then you're part of the problem.

So, to end on the subject of kissing, here's a great big public kiss—er, kiss-off—to you, dear.

Dan Hodge
San Francisco

Divided, Conquered

I am really dismayed at the tone of people's letters in all the gay rags nowadays. There's a huge amount of hatred—real venomous evil being projected at *other gays!* Am I wrong, or is this a recent phenomenon?

Everyone should have learned the concept of "Divide and Conquer" by now. My grandfather worked for the CIA, and he told me one of the best infiltration techniques was to introduce chaos into a cohesive group by having a "community member" express distracting, divisive and petty arguments. Grandpa's words come to mind when I hear people say, "Boycott the Parade!" or "Lock up the exhibitionists!" Yes, our debate should be lively and encompass many topics, but why are the solutions offered in these letters always hurtful to other gays? We make it so easy for our enemies to win.

Specifically, the letter from "Very Angry Lesbian" in Oakland was so divisive I thought it must be a joke. She *never* goes to the Parade, just watches excerpts on hetero-run TV network news and then hates exhibitionist gays for being photographed. I'm not trying to be hateful to you, "Very Angry Lesbian," but I must ask: Don't you appreciate the depth of the meaning of being gay? I would say it essentially means "freedom from oppression," and that includes oppression by those who want sexuality to be seen only in private. Being gay, to me, means that finally I can do anything I want; now I can do the things I was told not to do all my life. No one can stop me. I love men, I love sex. Let the world know! I wouldn't get locked up even if I walked around the Parade with my dick hanging out. *No one* can stop me. You *cannot* win in your desire to see it stop. Remember your Serenity Prayer? This is one of those things you cannot change. Even if you miraculously succeeded in getting a thousand, or two or three or ten thousand people to join you in your Parade boycott, there would still be millions of us nationwide enjoying the festivities without you.

And if you'd bother to go, you'd see more than

enough intelligent, concerned, respectable and sober people marching, petitioning, being political, etc. The Parade is about this, too, but of course they don't show it on TV—that would empower us!

So many people are saying they'll boycott, for one reason or another: NAMBLA, the "queer" theme, hatred of certain imagery, a crack in the sidewalk, anything! What utter fools! Do you know I've never even known the official Parade title in years past? Who cares? *That's not what it's all about! Duh!* Enjoy yourself; you aren't going to live forever.

Christian Matthews
Oakland

Avengers and Damn Lesbians

Thanks to columnist Don Baird for giving the recently formed San Francisco chapter of The Lesbian Avengers publicity ("Beat This," *SF Bay Times*, June 17), but we feel it is important to acknowledge that the San Francisco Dyke March was sponsored by a coalition of activist organizations called the Damn Lesbian Coalition, of which the Lesbian Avengers is only one committed member.

We appreciate any and all support the *SF Bay Times* can give us now and in the future. The Lesbian Avengers is a direct action group focused on issues vital to Lesbian survival and visibility. We meet on Monday evenings (for further information call 415/267-6195) to plan demonstrations and other possible future actions. We invite all women to come to our meetings and participate in our Lesbian-specific, action-oriented events. Thanks!

The Lesbian Avengers
San Francisco

Dyke Space in the Castro!

The Whiptail Lizard Lounge is opening. Thanks to the wonderful response and support of the lesbians in the Bay Area, the Whiptail Lizard Lounge Womyn's Collective is celebrating the grand opening of the Whiptail Lizard Lounge on Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4. The space is located at 4035 18th St., one block from Castro. We will be open every Saturday and Sunday from noon until 11 pm.

We are in the process of creating a calendar that will be filled with dyke events that will bring us all together to hang out, enjoy performances, benefits, shoot pool, listen to music, collaborate, drink coffee, meet women, find resources, get political, have fun. There is a big, bright patio for hot summer fun and indoor space for meetings and shade.

This space is a lesbian community center and is considered a community effort by all lesbians in the Bay Area to participate in and contribute to. An open community meeting will be held July 11 at 7 pm at the center. All women are welcome to share ideas and visions. If you or your organization want to hold a benefit or put on a party or show, come to the meeting or contact the Whiptail hotline at (415) 267-6979. The Whiptail Lizard Collective is a non-profit organization and the space will be alcohol- and smoke-free.

Opening weekend events include a craft show and tea party starting at noon on July 3 and open-hang all day Sunday.

We've bitched long enough about not having our own space. It won't be what you want it to be if you don't show up and make it happen!

Ren Volpe
San Francisco

Snottily Dismissed

Don Baird's snotty dismissal of people who disliked the Parade theme this year ("Beat This," *SF Bay Times*, June 17) is all too typical of what passes for intelligent discourse in the "queer" community.

I dislike the Q-word intensely. More specifically, I have serious doubts about its supposed "reclamation." If some asshole calls me a queer as he's beating me over the head with a baseball bat, do I stop to ask if he knows that the word's been "reclaimed"? Either way, I end up with a concussion. But the real issue is being skirted by those who, like Baird, would dismiss a significant segment of the community as "bitter brunch queens."

The argument here is not that the word should *never* be used. Call yourself what you want. The argument is about whether people should have the word (or any word) imposed upon them. If some straight politician insisted we all refer to ourselves with one word, Baird would (quite justifiably) go ballistic. What the parade committee did this year is not really much different. G-g-g-greg and company, in the name of being "inclusionary" (can't leave out those left-handed transgenderist Serbs!) *excluded* all the people they'd rather not party with anyway. How convenient.

"Get used to it!" is not a political philosophy. It's the verbal equivalent of sticking your tongue out at someone on the playground. Which is great—when you're about 7. Of course, this whole thing will be very old news by the time this letter appears...

Maybe by next year we'll have *really* learned about the true meaning of diversity.

Mike Schaefer
San Francisco

Perfectly Queer

I'm 51 and think "Year of the Queer" is a perfect Gay Pride theme. Queer is the first inclusive word that means all of us.

I grew up in the '50s and know what the word meant then. This is the '90s; the world has changed and words have changed. I'm angry that the "queer" discussion is being used to separate generations.

Queer isn't age-defined; queer is the community I live in.

Laurie Toby Edison
San Francisco

Queer Is Incorrect

The following letter was sent to Dennis McMillan, editor, On Parade *'93:*

This is yet another letter regarding the theme selected for this year's parade, like many I am sure you have already received. It is not my intention to be either insulting or self-righteous; however, I do feel compelled to address some of the assumptions you express in the introductory pages of the parade program as well as to add my voice to the debate.

I think that the word "queer" is incorrect in many ways. Most gay men and lesbians that I know are not particularly unusual, strange or unconventional; at least we don't appear so to each other. But most importantly, I fault you for being disrespectful to a lot of gay men and women who have fought and are fighting against the kind of sentiment still carried by the word "queer" across most of this country, regardless of what your writer and semiologist friends might have you believe. It is unacceptably inconsiderate and thoughtless that you have taken it upon yourselves to blatantly ignore the feelings and hence the contributions that these people have made and continue to make to our community by not only dismissing their objections but by the use of a paranoid and alienating tone in your essay. This community is referred to in your essay as "they," "the ones," "a few others." *We,* the people who make up this community, different as we may be from each other, are not a "they," which in my book is one step away from "you people." And we most certainly should not be a "they" to organizers of our own Gay Day Parade. I feel that as the editors of *On Parade '93,* you and your co-workers have done a disservice to the rest of us by not doing your research and by continuing to be insensitive on this issue. You should have come up with a theme that would not cause disharmony and which would not have nearly every essay in your publication defending your opinions and resorting to name-calling when answering critics.

Another issue to take up is the condescending tone of your essay. Third-rate semiological babble does no service to anyone. The issue has never been what one wants to call oneself. I have gone to *queer* bars and so on all my life and doubt that I will change the terminology I use. The issue is your telling others what they can call *me* and what they can call *us*. Your committees have no permission, collective or otherwise, from this community or anyone to make these kinds of decisions. Also, it is beyond my ability to comprehend why you think that our using the word will change any of its meaning when spoken or heard by those who have not participated in your language reconstruction sessions, which, may I add, is most of us across the nation. Plain and simple, if I want to be called "queer," I can move back to Louisiana and hear it in its full-blown glory from those who would use it inoffensively as part of their everyday conversation as well as from those who scream it from cars as they drive by in front of queer bars.

My I add also that your comment on the meetings being "publicly held, publicly advertised" is a traditional bureaucrat's cowardly way out—not worthy of any individual, let alone such a self-proclaimed spokesman of our community as yourself. You also should not have been surprised at the response to the committee's choice of theme. When one runs something up a flagpole, one hopes that others will salute, but should be prepared if they instead decide to burn it. You obviously were not and are not prepared for the kind of dialogue you claim to instigate!

The Gay Day Parade, since the first time I attended eight years ago, has been a source of pride for me because it affords the chance for me and others like myself to recognize and to celebrate those people who have fought and continue to fight *for all of us*—whether they be the Radical Faeries, Trade Unionists or members of the Armed Forces—not just by their work but by their example and caring. Therefore, I do not take your insinuations and slander lightly. As a matter of fact I take them quite personally. I am very disappointed in the way in which you treat us, and I hope you and some of your co-workers realize that if this is the best you can do, you might consider making way for someone else who can no doubt do better.

Julio D. Medina
San Francisco

Curmudgeon Vs. Dykes

Prompted by the lesbians' pre-parade "warm-up" in the Castro on Saturday, and Sunday's annual Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day Parade, led by the "infamously" famous Dykes on Bikes, this 61-year-old gay curmudgeon ("out" for 40 years) submits this sincere—albeit, unsolicited—observation for the consideration of both the *SF Bay Times* and its readership.

It does not take a rocket scientist to recognize that since the Clintons have become "co-presidents," the dam has broken: a flood of man-hating damned dykes—as contrasted with male-respecting, commendable lesbians—has inundated the Castro, the City and D.C. Taken together with the radical-lesbian-led feminists' addiction to "political correctness," one can understand why many of the masculine gender—whether gay or straight—regard "the movement" as having an agenda dedicated to the castration, disenfranchisement and emasculation of its anatomical opposites—be they in public or private vocations.

Unless this "we have our friends in the Oval Office" mindset—clearly the impetus behind the militant lesbian mentality—is replaced by its former, more "centrist" philosophical guidelines, in the mode, for example, of Daly, Lyon, Martin, the Schleps and the many professional lesbians I have both known and respected at Kaiser of SF and in the City's Police and Fire Departments, a dangerously divisive backlash is inevitable.

To those who would counter by arguing that some (dykes say "all") of the blame must be borne by gay men, I would remind such well-meaning "sisters" of these facts: In in laying the groundwork, as we did, for what we have now, we gay men kept a sense of humor, notoriously lacking in feminists, and we did not emphasize our differences by preceding "Gay Freedom Day Parade" with the clearly separatist "Lesbian."

Thomas M. Edwards
San Francisco

Don't Deny Transsexuals

I would like to respond to two letters that appeared in the *SF Bay Times,* June 17: Elizabeth Kristen's "Dykes Are Ignored" and Christine Beatty's "Recognizing the Differences."

First, I am a Jewess and a lesbian who used to be a male. I was born Jewish and will die Jewish; I was born male and will die female. I have breasts, vagina, labia minora, labia majora; I don't ejaculate and I sit to piss. In other words, I am like Ms. Kristen, except between the ears.

Kristen objects to the word womyNazi and the use of the word fascist to describe her. Well, honey, if it walks like, talks like and acts like a duck then it is a duck. Nazism and fascism come in many forms; their essential characteristics are intolerance, fear, hatred, persecution and elitism. Character traits which you and your ilk so profoundly display.

Kristen talks about oppressions that kill dykes. Well, let's talk about oppressions that kill the transgendered. Let's talk about Janice Raymond—this virulent lesbian feminist not only authored a derogatory tirade against the transgendered, but she went out of her way to testify before the Health Care Finance Administration, which administers Medicare, and as a result caused the removal of treatments and procedures to change the characteristics of the body to those of the opposite sex from HCFA's list of authorized treatments. In so doing she became a serial killer, a mass murderer of transsexuals. That poor girl Venus in *Paris Is Burning,* Filisa in Seattle, and hundreds of others have died at her hands as surely as if she had shot them.

People like you, Ms. Kristen, are hypocrites. You can see your own hurt, your own pain, your own struggle for rights, recognition and equality, but fail to recognize those less fortunate or more disadvantaged. Worse, you refuse to see because your own insecurities, fear and diminished self-esteem make you see transsexuals as some sort of threat.

I am continuously bemused by lesbians and feminists who demand equality, recognition as valid human beings and fair treatment, but deny the same

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Frank's New Find: Supervisor Susan Leal Definitely Not a Goddaughter

(A Voice of Sanity on Board?)

by Tim Kingston

Supervisor Susan Leal's style could be described as blunt, forthright—even refreshing, to those with a sarcastic mindset. The *SF Bay Times* interview with Leal started with a challenge from the new supervisor: "Well, you have called the Western World. How many people said horrible things about me?" My confession of failure at garnering venomous tirades against Leal only elicited a snide riposte: "What kind of a reporter are you anyway?"

After a week of digging for dirt—believe me, I tried—the worst that could be found was the equivalent of a slightly soiled T-shirt. There were no smelly socks or rats hiding in the closet of Susan Leal, the first Latina lesbian to sit on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Everyone contacted by *SF Bay Times* who had ever worked with Leal in the past decade and a half sings her praises. Some of that praise comes from unlikely sources, especially considering that Leal was appointed by Mayor Frank Jordan. Her boosters include a senior aide in U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman's (D-L.A.) office, state assemblymember John Vasconcellos (D-Santa Clara), numerous professional colleagues, public advocates, and an ex-mayor. Yes, you guessed right—Art Agnos is a fan.

Agnos strongly supports Jordan's June 4 appointment of Leal, but he is quick to point out he has not seen or talked to Leal in 11 years. "Clearly she would not have worked with me if she came from the right," says Agnos, quipping, "You are not exactly getting Ross Perot."

Leal's career spans work in both government and private business. She started as an oversight investigator in Rep. Waxman's subcommittee on health and environment in 1975—after graduating from UC Berkeley's Boalt School of Law. In Washington she concentrated on ferreting out cost abuses in the Food and Drug Administration and in private sector laboratories.

Leal then moved to Sacramento, where she worked from 1980-1983 on the state health budget in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, otherwise known as the "hamburger grinder" to committee veterans. In the mid 1980s she moved to the private sector as a health care cost attorney/consultant. Finally, in 1986 Leal joined Affordable Health Care Concepts, a budding health care cost containment firm founded to negotiate better health care packages for unions. (They merged with/were purchased by Healthcare COMPARE Corporation in 1988.)

State Assemblymember John Vasconcellos, whom Leal worked for in the Ways and Means Committee, made noises similar to Agnos. Vasconcellos even wrote Mayor Jordan a letter of recommendation, urging him to put Leal in Achtenberg's recently vacated seat on the board. Vasconcellos told *SF Bay Times* Leal is "knowledgeable, thorough, tops," adding, "She has got a set of values and convictions and is not timid about them. They are good human values [such as] access to health care for those who are least fortunate, and needy."

Speaking for herself, Leal is more modest. She calls herself a Dianne Feinstein Democrat, but stresses that she's referring to the 1992 Feinstein in her "less conservative, more moderate" senatorial mode—rather than the DiFi we all knew and loved as mayor of San Francisco. "If you think of [Supervisors] Kaufman and Migden," says Leal, "I am probably in between the two...probably to the right of Migden and the left of Kaufman."

Leal's analyses of her politics fits with Washington insider Tim Westmoreland's assessment. Westmoreland, counsel to Waxman's subcommittee on health and environment, paints a laudatory picture of Leal. "Fiscally she is moderate to conservative, and socially moderate to progressive," says Westmoreland, who has been involved in AIDS issues for almost the past decade. He counts himself as a professional acquaintance of Leal. (Leal joked, "Anything Tim says, I go along with... You can quote me on that.")

Westmoreland adds—unprompted—"The first thing I would say is that Susan understands the severity and urgency of the AIDS epidemic... The other thing is, given her experience in the private and public sector, if there is waste in [the] system she will find it [and] she will use it to provide more services."

"Susan has two different demeanors and personalities," explains Westmoreland. "Professionally, she is no-nonsense and she is very impatient and intolerant of waste and inefficiency... After working hours, she has a very dry sense of humor. Her sarcasm can cut before you know you have been touched."

Indeed, in its search for truth, *SF Bay Times* asked a former Leal co-worker if there wasn't *anything* critical he might say about the new supe. After a moment's reflection, he offered, "She's foul-mouthed."

Later, *SF Bay Times* told Leal we had spoken to the former co-worker. "So," she challenged, with a grin in her voice, "What did the little shit have to say about me?"

THE NEW LATINA LESBIAN IN TOWN

Susan Leal is the first "out" Latina lesbian supervisor in the history of San Francisco. Yet, her sexual orientation and ethnicity are never the first things on the minds of those who know her best. Instead, colleagues refer primarily to her competence, or savvy, or intelligence, or ability to hit the ground running.

"She did not come in as an advocate for women, Latinas or lesbians," says Leal's friend Sue North, who worked with her in Sacramento and is now project director of the California Citizens Budget Commission. "She came in the door as a very savvy budget person who happened to be lesbian, Latina, etc. Her primary credentials were her work skills."

That apparent lack of emphasis on Leal's orientation and ethnicity leaves some activists in the lesbian and Latino communities wary. They ask: How responsible will she be to the communities she was chosen to represent? What elements of those communities will she represent? Another oft-cited cause for concern is that Leal does not appear to have many visible connections to either community.

To what degree do Leal's politics and personal motivation come from being a Latina and a lesbian? Leal pauses at the question. "I have thought about that a lot... It is hard to say, 'Are you more of a Latina or a lesbian?' I guess the issue is that I will be sensitive to both issues from both communities. It is more what is on the front burner at the time. Different issues come up at different times."

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Leal has twice spoken up on Latina/Latino community issues— trying to fend off attempts to gut the City's sanctuary ordinance, and also challenging cuts made to the Day Laborers Program, which she claims will ultimately cost the city more money—but has not yet tipped her hand on gay/lesbian/bisexual issues.

CAUTION AND CURIOSITY: LESBIANS, LATINAS, LATINOS AND LEAL

For Latina lesbians, Leal's appointment is a victory to be savored—cautiously. "On a personal level, for me, it is exciting," says Latina lesbian activist Carmen Chavez. "That does not mean I will jump for joy if she makes right-wing decisions." Chavez says the appointment sends a message to the primarily straight Latino leadership that Latina lesbians exist. "It is a kind of shift of tectonic plates; something has to give in the Latino and gay and lesbian community," says Chavez.

Not everyone is overjoyed about the appointment. Jose Medina, a veteran progressive Latino activist, was positively grumpy. (It should be noted, however, that Medina was one of the contenders for the seat.) Medina groused that Leal's appointment was, "in a sense, a disservice to the Latino community in San Francisco. There are a number of experienced, qualified people who are knowledgeable of the Latino community's needs firsthand." Pointing to Leal's first major vote—when she voted with Carole Migden against SEIU Local 790's impressive pay package—he accused of her of being "more of a representative of downtown and corporate interests."

Still, the majority of those interviewed praised Leal for being straightforward and for having progressive possibilities. Even the most suspicious, such as Eileen Hansen of the Milk Club and the City Task Force on HIV, say after meeting Leal that they are not making any judgments, yet. They note Leal admits when she is not familiar with an issue, and say, so far, that she does not make promises she can't keep—unlike some other local politicians. They are subdued when Leal flat-out says she will oppose pay hikes, but pleased by her support of tax increases.

Even unionists, like Josie Moody, who negotiated SEIU Local 790's contract—which Leal opposed—says, "We are reserving judgment on her." Moodie explained the union stance, saying Leal had no choice in that vote: "We fully expect that was a condition of her being appointed. We won't hold that against her." Other unionists viewed the vote against 790 as no big surprise either, considering Jordan appointed her. They were far angrier with Supervisor Carole Migden's vote against the 790 deal.

THE HEALTH BUDGET MONSTER

Before this turns into a love fest, there is the little matter of the budget—including Frank Jordan's devastating cuts in the Department of Public Health (DPH). Leal has walked into the legislative equivalent of a free-fire zone. Everyone wonders which way she's going to jump.

When questioned specifically about the budget and her loyalty to Jordan, Leal indicates she will eventually support a budget from the Mayor's office, but her comments also show a supervisor willing to fight for an efficient and organic health care system.

"[Jordan] did not ask for my loyalty," says Leal, "but I told him I would be loyal to him." Yet Leal's definition of loyalty is not slavish; she asserts she will not always vote with Jordan. Loyalty means, "More than anything I don't stab him in the back," says Leal. "I don't run around to the press and say the Mayor does not agree with me on this, and start whipping it up."

In the budget, Leal believes the DPH could withstand some cuts. But she declined to address which specific health cuts she would approve, saying, "I would have to see how the cuts are structured... I can't answer until I have seen everything."

Leal stresses she has frequently told the Mayor, "We have to be able to put back enough so there is still integrity in the system... I personally feel that we can come up with other revenues, that we can put some things back in. I feel the mayor is committed to putting a good chunk of money into health."

There is hope. Where the mayor's office touts a $14 million figure as a good start to restoring DPH funding, Leal goes further. While bluntly telling the Milk Club, "We are not going to get all the money back. We all ought to realize that," Leal also says at least $20 to $30 million must be restored to the DPH, to maintain the core of a viable care health system. But, she adds warily,

"Maybe I am being too optimistic."

Interestingly, Leal appears to be getting much of her information on the budget from Dr. Ray Baxter, DPH director, and Richard Cordova, director of SF General Hospital—not the Mayor's office.

Generally, Leal also critiques the process by which cuts to the DPH were made, saying flatly, "The cuts are too deep." Leal suggests the Mayor's office made the cuts haphazardly, instead of following the DPH's own plan for long-term consolidation. "As the [budget] crisis got worse, the cuts were taken. There was not really an ability to do any planning," says Leal.

Observers remain split on her budget stance. Ruth Picon, a Latino Democratic Club activist, says, "I don't think people should be surprised that she is voting with the Mayor on the budget... Jordan would not have appointed her if he did not think he could count on her."

Hansen, however, argues that the only way for Leal to provide leadership and remain credible is to "separate" from the Mayor's budget. "She will either side with Jordan, and not be able to provide leadership for the community, or [will oppose Jordan and] go with the community."

SEX, DEATH AND...

Taxes. Virtually without exception, any politician who hears that word goes scuttling back under a rock. But not Leal. "There is a general feeling that everyone will have to ante up on this one—including business," says Leal, adding, "I have said that to business."

Leal was even more specific before the Milk Club meeting. She says she supports Supervisor Sue Bierman's Downtown Transit Assessment Tax, which would make business pay a tax for their use of Muni. "I am trying to be very consistent," says Leal. "I will vote against most pay raises and will vote for most taxes."

Leal appears to favor utilization (pay-to-use) taxes to pay for programs, rather than viewing taxes as a way to redistribute wealth—a rationalist rather than a progressive policy. "You use this, you have to pay that," says Leal. "You own the building, you have to pay the fire assessment tax, and on and on."

As a result, Leal is likely to favor sales tax increases, but appears likely to go after downtown interests only if it appears absolutely necessary. Leal seems to believe that point has already arrived. "What I am trying to say to the business community is, 'OK. If you are not worried about if people will not get health care, you had better worry about how it will affect you and other private employers.' I am laying it on these people." She also realizes the need to speak their bottom line language—"You can't talk about human stuff. You have to talk about dollars and cents."

FROM SACRAMENTO TO THE CIRCUS

Leal's former co-workers have confidence in her ability to deal with the heat in City Hall—even in the midst of a budget crisis. Paul Press, veteran chief counsel for the State Assembly Ways and Means Committee, remembers Leal as an effective budget negotiator and health care advocate in the early '80s. He says Leal was skilled in mediating between legislators who wanted to cut every service in sight, and advocates who refused to cut anything at all. "You have to thread your way between these two groups," says Press. "I got the impression she tried to be fair and merciful."

According to Press such qualities are what San Francisco needs in a budget crisis. Sue North, who worked in the Agnos administration, says, "If anyone can understand the chaos that is the San Francisco budget, Susan has the background for it."

San Francisco supervisors seem to agree. Barbara Kaufman's office, and Supervisors Carole Migden, Angela Alioto and Kevin Shelley have nothing but praise for Leal. "I like her very much," says Shelley. "She is very open-minded and not in lockstep with the business community. I have found her very cooperative. Her heart is in the right place."

When challenged at the Milk Club meeting about a "rumor" that she is Jordan's swing vote on the board, Leal deftly responded by saying, "Quite honestly, there is no majority on the board." Saying she was "not trying to be off the wall," Leal described the board as, "very factionalized." Pointing to Maher and Hsieh's vote against Jordan on the 790 contract, she says, "I really have not figured out what is driving all the different personalities." (Join the club, Susan.)

"In the next few months my focus is to try to get through this budget and try to work with different supervisors on some creative solutions...in terms of revenues, efficiency or some combination of the above." Leal appears to be staking out a centrist turf—for San Francisco—in the hope of being a consensus builder both on the board, and between the board and the Mayor's office.

Migden & Leal at the Parade.
Photo by Rink

Such strategic positioning does not surprise North. North says the only time anything gets done is when the Mayor's office and the supervisors' noses are all pointed in the same direction—otherwise all is gridlock. North believes Leal will be "a great asset to San Francisco... to the extent that [she] can be a bridge builder between the Mayor and the Board."

POLITICAL PARANOIA AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Leal's prior experience in the private sector should be an excellent training ground for the battleground that is the Board of Supervisors, says Dan Brunner, executive vice president of the Healthcare COMPARE Corporation. Brunner says the reason for Leal's success is "her ability to work with a variety of constituents and work out practical solutions to problems."

Brunner says Leal's work involved signing hospitals on as providers for the company's clients, and keeping them. Meanwhile, she had to try to keep health care costs down by making sure the hospitals were not making inordinate profits, or shortchanging patients. "Our responsibility is to get the best services, but not aggravate the hospital to the point where they no longer do business with us," says Brunner. "It is a very difficult business relationship."

Leal's background in health care should be reassuring, but the very mention of health care management and "utilization review" tends to bring health care activists out in a rash. Such companies are often rampaging cost-containment machines that cut health care costs by reducing the standard of care for all—particularly PWAs. Indeed, the current rumor flying round the community is that Leal makes her living cutting health care benefits.

"Bullshit," was Leal's blunt reply. "I am very proud of what our company does... Our original clients were a number of unions that were losing their health care benefits." Leal says Healthcare COMPARE negotiated with physicians and hospitals for reduced health care rates and thus prevents union members from getting their health benefits cut.

The company "was started by a bunch of pinkos," says Leal. "I am probably the most moderate of the group." The other founders included a civil rights lawyer, a public health advocate and a health care activist. She says the genesis of the group was basically to provide more health care bang for the buck, for those who need it.

SF Bay Times contacted two ethical investment firms about the company; neither had any information negative or otherwise. Only the DataCenter in Oakland found the proverbial soiled T-shirt. In 1990 Waxman's Health and Environment subcommittee held hearings on Healthcare COMPARE, over accusations the company was forcing doctors to accept lower fees, while making patients pay higher Medicare charges in Georgia.

Leal snorted derisively when that accusation was raised. "Yeah, we beat up the doctors in Georgia. I am not embarrassed about that." Leal says her company occasionally second-guessed doctors: "They got pissed off. It just so happens that the doctor on the subcommittee called for the hearing." She asserts the issue was not something the entire subcommittee "got exercised about." *SF Bay Times* was unable to contact the Georgia congressmember who called the hearing.

BUT SHE STILL HAS TO GET ELECTED

More than one activist has pointed out Leal will be running for office in a year and a half, thus she needs to start developing roots in both communities to ensure re-election. Leal's response when asked how she intends to build up her base, was, if anything, uncharacteristically innocent. "I am reconnecting with people, and connecting with people that I have not known in the past. I will continue to do that," she says.

Leal does not seem to have devoted a lot of thought to November 1994 yet—perhaps not surprising, considering she was appointed a month ago. Or perhaps, she simply wants to be judged on her merits, not her political gamesmanship, strange as that may seem. "People will see how I handle myself," says Leal. "I am hoping that will take me through an election... I will try to be a serious player and be a sane person on the board."

"I know it sounds hokey," confessed Leal. "I am trying real hard. I don't know if that means anything to people, but I want to be able to walk away from this—I hope I get elected—but more important, I want people to say she handled herself real well. She looked after the community. She was an honest person, a straight-up person." But knowing she was talking to a reporter, Leal again added, "That may be too hokey for you." ✿

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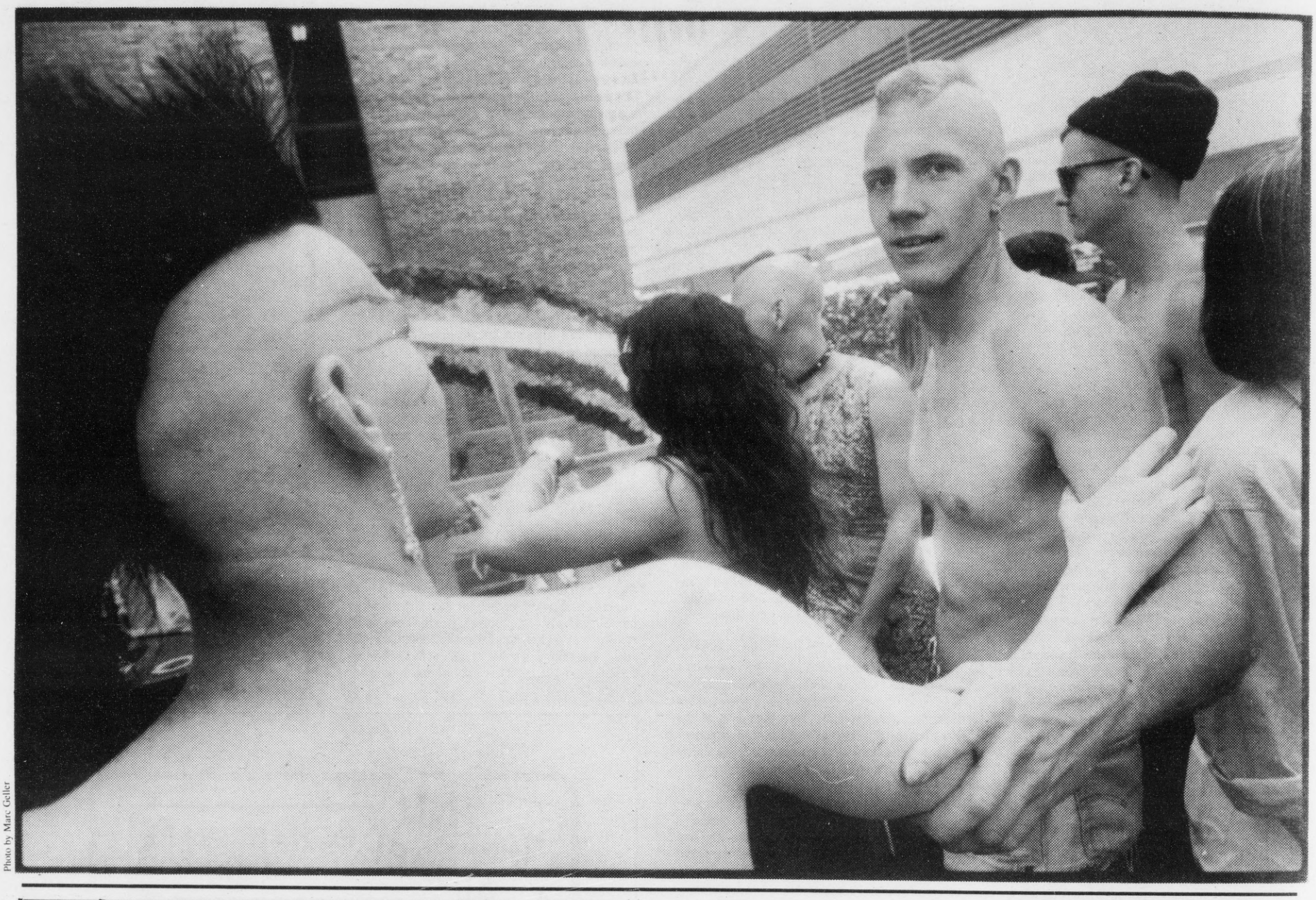

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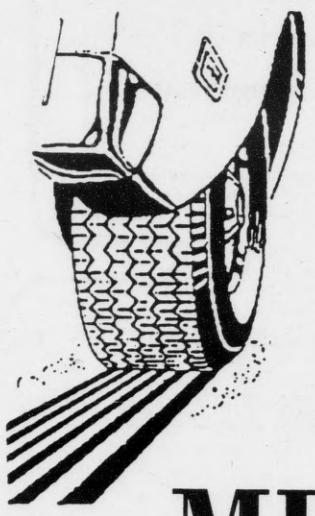

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Fun in the Sun: Backward March A Big Hit

by Tim Kingston

Frank didn't show? Aw shucks, but we had fun without him. Parade organizers say 400,000 of us did show up to march in the Parade and party on the Embarcadero. That part of town has never seen so many queers, fags, dykes, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transpeople, homosexuals, perverts, gay suburbanites, parents, friends and anything and anyone else under the sun.

And Sun there was. (Ouch!) The traditional gay sunburn was acquired by many—and probably more so than usual—because of the party's downtown location. Instead of abandoning the Civic Center Wind Tunnel as soon as the march arrives, everyone seemed to stick around for the music and comedy and happeningness of it all. I can tell because it was a lot harder to find a beer, and people that I knew, in amongst the throngs.

The Parade, of course, was fabulous as only the Parade is (where did those airline floats come from—United, Brazilian Airlines [calling all queers to Carnival?]).

Yes, PFLAG got its usual standing ovation. So did senior gays and lesbians. So did the Clean and Sober crowd. And health care workers were really popular—a special mention goes out to Dr. Donald Abrams and his red shoes—red sequined high tops, that is. Go Girl!

Interestingly, the gay military contingent received a subdued welcome, especially compared to the cheers that greeted the anti-military queer contingent behind them. "Drop Soap Not Bombs!" (Maybe it was the cruise missile attack on Iraq that calmed it down.) Then came the street patrol. OK, what bright spark put them in that order? Military, antimilitary and paramilitary.

And Keith Meinhold, we love you, you're cute, but do you have to wear that damn jacket—couldn't you at least wear it upside down, or something?

Next came the club floats—the give-Jesse-Helms-a-heart-attack (or a hard-on) contingent—with Klubstitute, The Stud, and who could forget the Lone Star semi truck with all its bears, beer and dirty old gear all hanging out. (My fave contingent.) Even 18th St. Services partied better than most—and they gave away jewelry. And they had cute boys in skirts.

The Olivia float was quite lively—those gals sure know how to cruise (and party)—great float. And whoever took it upon themselves to create that 15-foot-tall J. Edgar Hoover doll in the fetching dress and tasteful heels (nice pearls)

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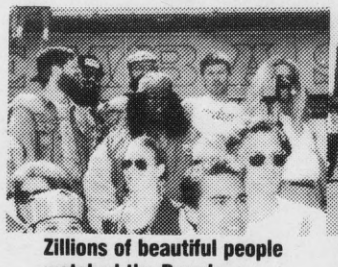

Zillions of beautiful people watched the Parade. Photo by Rink.

The colorful and fun Olivia float—one of the best in the Parade. Photo by Rink

Hot mamas ride in the Dykes on Bikes contingent. Photo by Marc Geller

"Punkstar artist" Jerome Caja dares a Parade truck to crush him. Photo by Rink

Clinton campaign aide Bob Hattoy waves to the crowd. Photo by Marc Geller

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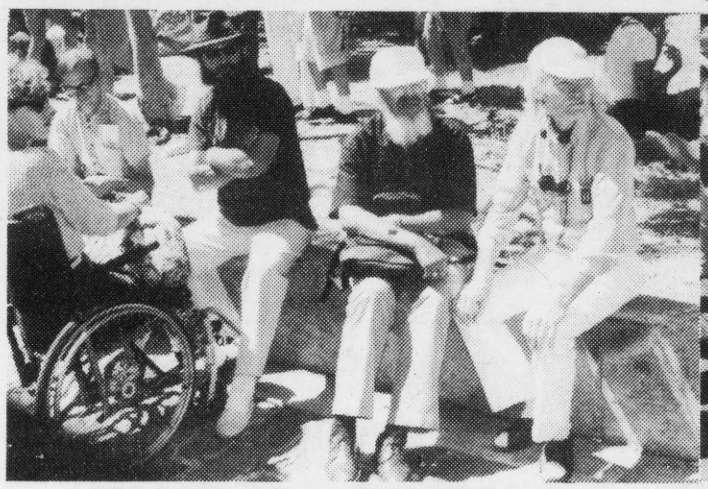
A son and mother march in the PFLAG contingent. Photo by Rink

Gays in the Military liberating? *NOT!* Photo by Rink.



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Cute girls at the Parade. Photo by Rink.

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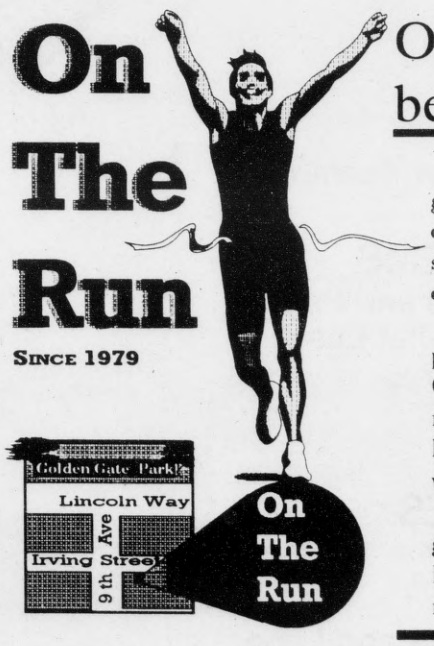

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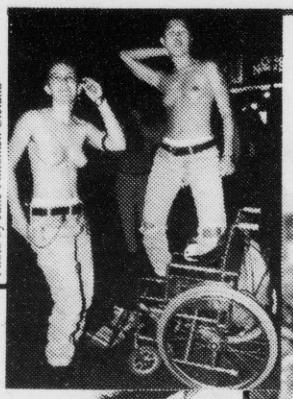
Unfortunately, some ethically impaired person got the Confederate flag mixed up with the Rainbow flag. OOPS! There's one in every crowd. And yes, we did spot ONE "Gay not Queer" poster. So much for that hoopla.

On a more serious note, Carole Migden appeared to big applause, riding in a convertible, with new Supe Susan Leal—best buddies, apparently. Dolores Huerta marched with ELLAS, a Latina lesbian organization. Roberta Achtenberg got a huge and consistent round of applause. And finally ACT UP got a good reception despite—or maybe because of—the most bitter chant of day, which rang out with evil grins and glints in the eye: "What good is gay rights if we're all dead." They could also be heard yelling "Where's Frank?" Hmmm.

Back down at the Embarcadero both Bobs spoke—Achtenberg and Hattoy, that is—but no one reported on it. Why? Probably because the entire damn press corps was busy hanging out at 7th and Market waiting for the Mayor to meet those threatened "ripening tomatoes" (previously covered in an EXCLUSIVE *SF Bay Times* story) and evil activists.

(Those pesky protesters threatened to rain on Frank's Parade by pointing to the devastation he is threatening the health care system and the homeless. And the next thing we know the parade committee has a paranoid fit and sees blood in the streets—Frank's, that is. Now come on, would we do that? On our party day?)

Then everyone went home. Sunburned and happy. Yay! ✿



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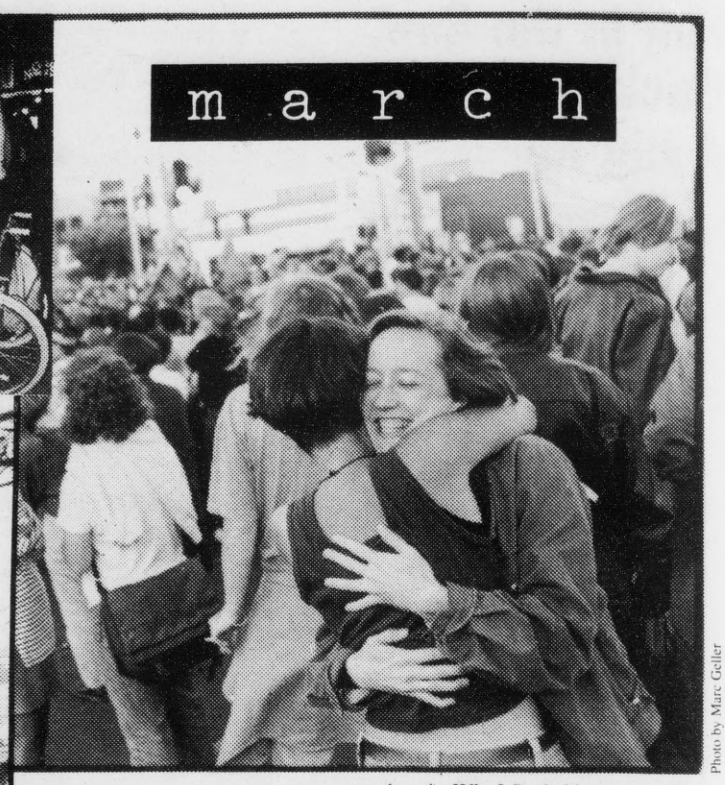

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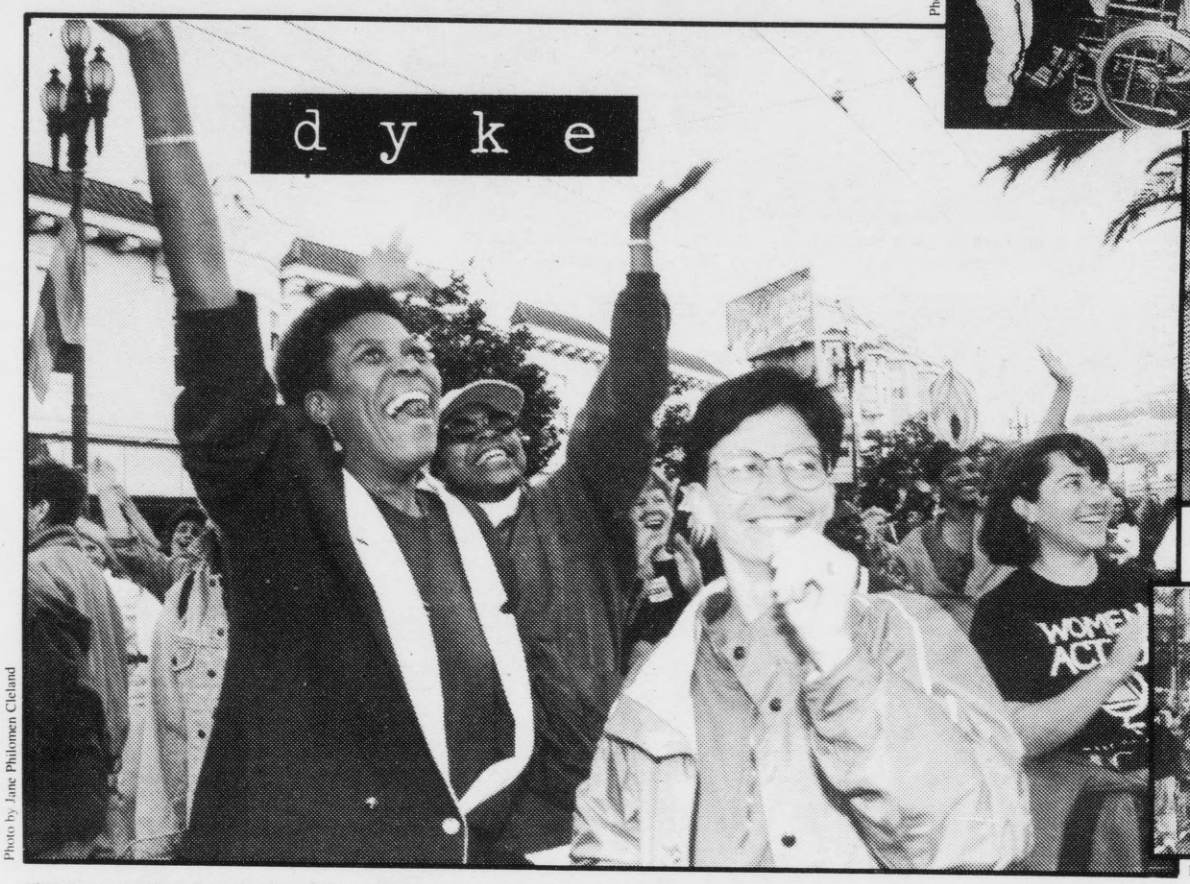

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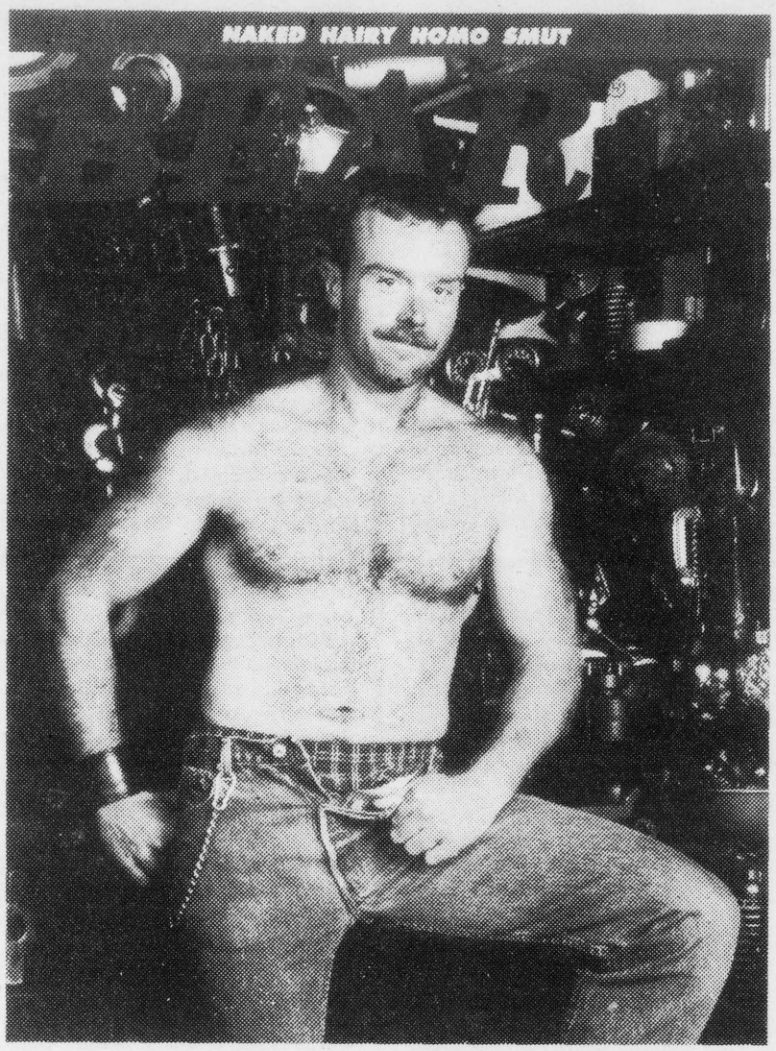

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Bill Press, chair of the California Democratic Party, describes Gebbie's appointment as a "good choice." He also says that Gebbie is "committed with compassion to those with AIDS and to finding the health-care solution to this deadly disease."

Queer Pride Nationwide

RALEIGH - About 2,500 people marched in the capital city of North Carolina (Jesse Helms' home state) to declare their pride in being queer. They joined millions nationwide who celebrated the 1969 Stonewall Riots, which propelled the gay/lesbian movement into a more militant era.

The North Carolinians were confronted by about 20 Bible-thumpers. Says one marcher, "I learned to ignore them early on."

In Honolulu, about 800 people participated in a parade that included Charles Molle of San Francisco, a gay man who was present at the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, which prompted the U.S. to enter WWII.

In Pittsburgh, 400 people listened to U.S. Rep. Barney Frank's (D-Mass.) former aide, Billy Hileman, blast his old boss for agreeing to compromise on the lifting of the ban. Frank has publicly backed a "don't ask, don't tell" policy whereby gays and lesbians can serve in the military but not be out. Hileman was fired for taking part in civil disobedience actions against Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) who opposes gays in the military (see story below).

Finally, about 2,500 marched in a pride parade in what has been described as the "belly of the beast"—Colorado Springs, the home of Coloradans for Family Values, the group that gave the nation Amendment 2, the first statewide anti-gay-rights measure. The event, watched by 30 cops, proceeded peacefully, despite some negative comments from spectators.

Men & Masculinity Conference To Be Held

SAN FRANCISCO - Leaders of the pro-feminist, gay affirmative men's movement will convene at SF State University July 8-11 for the 18th National Conference on Men and Masculinity.

Over 400 men and women from around the U.S. who have been an integral part of the anti-sexist men's movement will participate in a series of panel discussions, workshops and seminars focused on this year's theme, "Building Bridges for a Multicultural Men's Movement." Daily cost for the conference is on a sliding scale, ranging from $39-$95. For more info, call (602) 577-7234.

Men of Color Hardest Hit

SAN FRANCISCO - In a report that is surely no surprise to many, the SF Department of Public Health AIDS Office says that gay and bisexual men of color are the most affected by HIV in their respective ethnic and racial communities.

The report, "Estimates of the Number of Persons Infected with HIV in San Francisco by Race/Ethnicity," comes at a time when a number of HIV/AIDS prevention and service efforts targeting communities of color are being cut during the budget crisis.

Rafael Chang, public policy coordinator for Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition, says, "We have been asking the AIDS office for this data for quite some time, and the numbers show that if HIV/AIDS education had happened 5-10 years ago, we would not be faced with this 'second wave' of infected Asians and Pacific Islanders."

"All of the communities of color consider these numbers very conservative," says Kerrington Osborne of the National Task Force on AIDS.

Official March Video Still in Production

WASHINGTON, D.C. - There may be lots of imitations on the market, but the official video of the April 25 March on Washington is still in production.

The official video, titled "A Simple Matter of Justice," is one hour long and includes all of the major events of the monumental march that drew a million people to the nation's capital. It is produced by lesbian photographer JEB (Joan E. Biren). All proceeds from the video go toward the cost of the largest civil rights demo in the country's history.

The official video includes Martina Navratilova, Phil Donahue, Melissa Etheridge, Urvashi Vaid and Jesse Jackson.

Forest Service Honored

SAN FRANCISCO - The U.S. Forest Service has done more to recognize its gay/lesbian employees than any other federal agency in California, according to Federal Lesbians and Gays (FLAG), an organization of federal employees.

At its last quarterly meeting, FLAG gave its special SAMMY award to the ad-hoc committee for addressing the issue of sexual orientation in the Forest Service's Regional Civil Rights Committee. The ad-hoc committee produced a breakthrough report which identified recommendations to create workplace equality for gays and lesbians in the Forest Service.

Nearly all of the recommendations have been formally adopted in the agency's California Regional Office.

NGLTF Supports Ginsburg

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is "optimistically and cautiously" supporting the nomination of U.S. Appeals Court Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the U.S. Supreme Court.

While impressed with Ginsburg's background as a public interest advocate and her judicial support of civil liberties and women's rights, NGLTF is concerned with her support for a 1984 ruling that negatively impacted a challenge to the military's ban on gay men and lesbians.

In the ruling *Dronenburg v. Zech*, Ginsburg joined a majority decision to deny a request to rehear a case that challenged a Navy sailor's discharge due to homosexual activity. Ginsburg has stated that her decision to deny re-hearing of the case was because a previous Supreme Court case offered, in her opinion, a clear precedent limiting the plantiff's basis for a suit. She did not offer her views on the right to privacy or the military's anti-gay ban.

Despite this, NGLTF expects that Ginsburg will give a fair hearing to gay-related cases before the Supreme Court.

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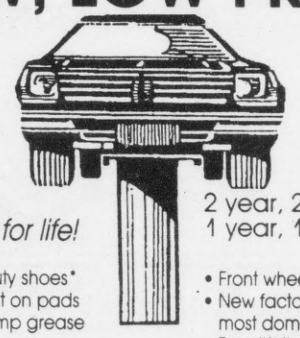

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Ending Workplace Discrimination

NEW YORK - The Wall Street Project has one objective, according to its chair, Nick Curto: to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation "in every workplace across this country."

CEOs of Fortune 1000 corporations have been mailed questionnaires regarding their policies on gay/lesbian equal employment opportunity. The survey findings will be published and investors will be urged to invest according to their social principles as well as put pressure on companies not protecting the basic rights of their employees.

Falwell's Ghostwriter Is Gay

DALLAS - The largest gay church in the world, the Metropolitan Community Church, has hired Mel White, a former ghostwriter for Billy Graham and Jerry Falwell, to head a national media campaign against the religious right.

White, who at one time earned as much as $100,000 in a few months, will not be paid for the job. An out gay man, White says, "Fighting the religious right or helping the churches reexamine their prejudice and their homophobia is an impossible task. My real job is to provide comfort and community to my gay brothers and sisters."

Falwell, who now knows White is gay, said recently that his former employee is "perhaps the finest writer I know" as well as "a man of integrity and fairness."

What's Happening to Barney Frank?

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Something's rotten in the nation's capital. First Barney Frank (D-Mass.) supports a "don't ask, don't tell" compromise on gays in the military; next, Frank fires a gay employee who took part in a Queer Nation kiss-in outside the office of Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), the chief opponent of lifting the ban.

Billy Hileman, who worked part-time in the Congressmember Frank's office, says that he was told he was being let go after the picture of him and another man kissing appeared on the cover of the *Washington Blade*, a gay paper.

Frank says, "Because he had disregarded my explicit instruction that my office not be used to organize civil disobedience against Congress, I told him he could no longer work here."

Polls: A Hodgepodge of Views

WASHINGTON - Ask Americans their views on queers, and you get a lot of different answers.

Eight out of ten folks in two polls say they oppose job discrimination and would not object to an out queer airline pilot or accountant.

But it's 50-50 on whether President Bill Clinton should lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. And over half of poll respondents don't want gay elementary school teachers or their children's TV programs to feature queer characters.

A June 26 poll finds that 53 percent of Americans personally know someone who is gay or lesbian, a doubling of the number who responded to a similar question in 1985.

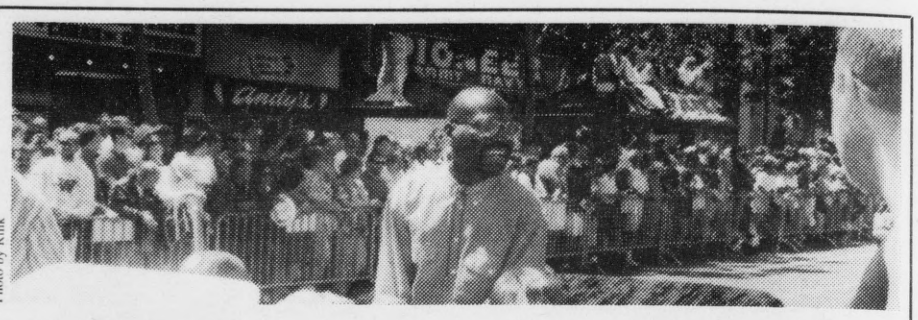
Breaking the Blockade

SAN FRANCISCO - Last November, the first caravan of 103 people delivered 12.5 tons of material aid to the people of Cuba, with the Rev. Lucius Walker, founder of Pastors for Peace, at the fore. Cuba is still under a U.S. blockade, prohibiting supplies from getting into our southern neighbor island.

"We broke the blockade of Cuba," says Walker, "and we're going to do it again. We have a moral imperative to fight the injustice of inhumane laws."

A second caravan is planned this year, with twice as many participants and 100 tons of aid. It will be the first test of the Clinton Administration's position on Cuba. Walker is confident that last year's near-unanimous U.N. condemnation of the blockade will strengthen the caravan's impact and will force the new administration to reevaluate its position on Cuba.

Walker founded Pastors for Peace after being wounded in a Contra attack in Nicaragua. The group has previously sent humanitarian aid to Nicaragua and El Salvador.



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Driver Rains on Riggs' Parade

SAN FRANCISCO - The volunteer white driver of the car that was to carry Black filmmaker Marlon Riggs down Market Street in the June 27 Freedom Day Parade apparently walked off the job after a disagreement about who was to ride in the car. U.S. Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold gave up his assigned car so that Riggs wouldn't have to walk, then drove his own vehicle in the annual gay/lesbian/bisexual parade.

According to Riggs, his lover Jack Vincent and another source, who asked to remain anonymous, the driver—whose identity has not been confirmed by the *SF Bay Times*—was not willing to let anyone other than the filmmaker ride in his convertible. Riggs originally wanted his lover and two friends to accompany him down Market Street. After attempted negotiations with the driver, the three men report that he drove off, leaving Riggs stranded, but not before he allegedly shouted at Vincent, "There are gays and there are fucking queers—and that's what you are."

"I think he was made nervous by the presence of three or four Black men," Riggs said. But despite this "catastrophe," Riggs said the rest of the parade was a good experience.

Ggreg Taylor, co-chair of the parade organizing committee, said, "We are not going to ignore this. It's so disrespectful. It was an honor that Marlon showed up. He's one of my heroes."

Marin Celebrates Domestic Partners

SAN ANSELMO - Marin County celebrated the passage of its new domestic partners ordinance on June 18 at its Civic Center. The ordinance includes hospital visitation rights, but has no effect on tax, inheritance, assumption of debt or insurance issues.

Under the new law, couples who live together and who agree to be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses can register at the county clerk's office.

Barbara Zoloth, vice president at Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco and a chair of Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns, says, "This is a wonderful step toward justice in recognizing committed lesbian and gay relationships and family structures in our community."

Rabbi Fired for Being Queer?

NEW YORK - Rabbi Howard Handler says he was fired from the Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue in Greenwich Village because he is gay. The board of directors, though, says it's because he wasn't doing his job well.

Yet, the board would not specify what Handler's performance problems were. "These are private issues that deal with the congregation and the board of trustees," said Helena Dworkin,

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president of the synagogue.

Since Handler is an out gay man, it is unlikely he will receive another position as leader of any synagogue, since the Conservative movement does not embrace out queers. Only Judaism's Reform movement allows out queers to be rabbis.

AIDS Dental Discrimination Suit Settled

LOS ANGELES - An amicable settlement was reached in an AIDS Project lawsuit that charged discrimination against HIV-positive patients wanting dental services at Western Dental Services, Inc.

As part of the settlement, Western Dental will conduct initial full-day training seminars, and ongoing training thereafter, for all of its managing doctors, dentists and dental hygienists with clinical patient care responsibilities. Though it denied the charges, Western agreed to enter into the settlement as part of what it called its commitment to provide dental care without discrimination.

Defending His Waffling

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Bill Clinton is being briefed on how to defend his waffling on the lifting of the ban. This is in anticipation of a July 15 executive order about gays in the military from the man from Little Rock who rode into office on a promise to completely lift any restrictions to gays and lesbians.

For some time now Clinton has been waffling on an issue he sounded mighty definite on just a few months ago. Many around the president, including Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), are advising a "don't ask, don't tell" policy in which gays and lesbians can serve as long as they don't come out.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin is working on a compromise proposal for an order that will stand the test of a veto attempt by Congress. But gay and lesbian leaders are saying they will accept no compromise. Only Rep. Barney Frank has played the fall guy by supporting the Nunn compromise.

White House press secretary Dee Dee Meyers says, "I think (Clinton) recognizes that it's very difficult, that there is not support from Congress for a complete lifting of the ban."

Bits & Pieces I: Local/State

• Members of the Women's Political Action Coalition met June 19 on the palm-lined strip of Market Street near Castro to call attention to Mayor Frank Jordan's proposed cutting of funds to the Rape Crisis Center at San Francisco General Hospital. They chose to assemble by the new palm trees because, they noted, one tree costs $3,000 while treatment for one client at the crisis center costs $1,300. They feel that spending money on palm trees when lives are at stake is ludicrous, at best.

• July 17 and 18 are the dates for the 19th annual San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration, which includes a Hillcrest/Uptown parade route and a Balboa Park festival site. This year, parade organizers are offering a free shuttle service to events. Entertainment at the festival includes Azucar y Crema, Toshi, Washington Sisters, Melanie Monsur and Romanovsky and Phillips. For more information, call (619) 29-PROUD.

• The San Francisco Board of Supervisors placed a bond initiative on the November ballot that includes $4 million for purchase/construction of a lesbian/gay cultural center in the Castro area. The move was at the request of the board of the Lesbian and Gay Cultural Center, which includes members Freddie Niem, Lenore Chin, Pam Peniston and Greg Day.

• The Stop AIDS Project raised more than $20,000 in the past six months from individual donors who gave $200 or more each, meeting the terms of a challenge grant by AIDS activist James C. Hormel. Hormel made the challenge as a way of stimulating more community members to lend their financial support to the agency's work.

Photographer Chloe Atkins at the opening of "Queerly Defined," the Eye Gallery exhibit shown in conjunction with Pride Week. Photo by Rink

• The Filipino AIDS Hotline of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation has unveiled three 15-second public service announcements on the popular TV show "Manila Manila." The reason for the ads? While most Filipinos know the basic facts about AIDS, they don't think they are at risk.

• August 19-21 is the date for the San Francisco-based American Association of Physicians for Human Rights' 11th annual symposium at the Benson Hotel in Portland, Ore. Speakers include Bob Hattoy, White House associate personnel director; and Joseph Fernandez, PhD, whose championing of gay-inclusive curricula in education cost him his job in New York. For more info, call (415) 255-4547.

• Shanti Project needs volunteers to help take care of persons with AIDS. Interested persons need to sign up by July 2. Call Barbara Linn or Kathryn Ficke at (415) 777-2273 to obtain more information.

• Former Santa Cruz Mayor John Laird has announced that he will seek a seat in the State Assembly during a special election Aug. 31 to fill the seat vacated by Assemblymember Sam Farr. Laird, who was one of the first openly gay mayors in the country in 1983, would, if elected, become the first out queer member of the California Legislature. He faces one other Democrat and two Republicans in the election.

• July is Tuberculosis Awareness Month in California. TB is high among immigrants from

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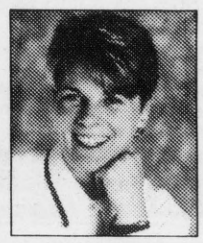

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countries where the disease is widespread, and among persons with HIV/AIDS. In San Francisco, cases have been steadily increasing since 1985.

•Offensive to whom? Gannett Outdoor Advertisers rejected *Bear* magazine's bus shelter poster, scheduled for erection at 18th and Castro during Gay Day, saying it was offensive to the moral standards of the community. Gannett considered *Bear*'s "Naked Hairy Homo Smut" slogan offensive copy and asked the publisher to change it to "Masculinity Without the Trappings." What planet does Gannett live on?

•For the second year, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Employees Association of PG&E and the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators are awarding annual scholarships to individuals. Khiem Bui will receive the big amount—$2,500—while Michael Osofsky and Christina Bogiages get $250.

•The newly elected chair of the California Democratic Party, Bill Press, marched in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade with the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club. He was joined by Congressmember Nancy Pelosi (D-SF) and Democratic Assemblymember Rusty Areias.

Gay Pride in France: A Letter From Paris

Queer Paris is waking up after years of the politics of indifference. This year's parade, which took place one week before Europride in Berlin, was glorious.

The march began at the Place Republique in northeast Paris, starting with just a few thousand people. The few of us who started the march were, a bit cranky about the hopeless state of identity politics in France. But our group grew quickly and soon formed two loud, large contingents behind the banners of ACT UP and Rage.

ACT UP Paris has done amazing work recently, focusing on the huge scandal exposed last year in which the French government had turned a blind eye to untested blood supplies in the early 1980s, needlessly allowing the spread of HIV. Rage, in turn, is a queer group that runs the top radio show on the city's 24-hour gay radio station, *Frequence Gay* (code named "FG" in the closeted '80s).

The march arrived in the Place de la Bastille, and as those who managed to fall out of bed by 3 pm finally started joining the crowd, we really took over the streets, and hit the gay neighborhoods of the Marais with a roar. By then we were dancing; no slogans, no politics, no discourses, but 10,000 people with very high gay energy. Okay, for San Francisco that may be a tiny number, but for Paris, where a few years ago gay pride day didn't even take place, it was big.

So queer politics are being taken up, even though there isn't a gay press to speak of, except *Illico*, a small free monthly for men, and *Lesbia*, the same for women. A lesbian and gay center may become a reality, and now that the right wing runs local, regional and national politics (except for the presidency) political activism is in again.

When the United States elected Reagan in 1980, France started a decade of Socialist power under Mitterrand, and when Mitterrand decriminalized homosexuality in 1981, a certain complacency followed. As the decade went by, however, very little headway was made on gay or feminist issues (the country remains fairly misogynist), and everyone struggled separately with their own particular causes. Even on the day of the gay pride parade this year, a big demonstration was held to protest the strict new immigration laws, which give police the authority to spot-check people of color for no reason at all. This demo started at the Place de la Bastille at the same time our parade took off at nearby Place Republique, yet the two groups took opposite routes. One would think that queer issues and civil rights issues could be raised together, but the organizers of these two marches could not manage a compromise.

You see, we still have a long way to go, but at least the energy is back in the streets of Paris.

—Nathalie Magnan

Bits & Pieces II: National

• The U.S. House Appropriations Committee approved large increases in AIDS-related funding in the $263 billion Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-SF) was a member of the subcommittee that crafted the bill. The legislation calls for $2.5 billion for AIDS-related organizations.

• The National Hispanic/Latino AIDS Coalition held a briefing for members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Health and Judiciary Task Force to detail actions necessary to provide effective funding and programs to combat AIDS in the Latino community.

• *Equal Time*, one of the preeminent regional gay/lesbian papers in the United States, is conducting a national search for a publisher. The position is being created as part of a reorganization following the resignation of Cynthia Scott, editor and publisher for the past four years. One of the new publisher's duties will be to guide the paper into a weekly publishing schedule starting Sept. 1. Submit resumes to Kit Hagen, Board President, 310 E. 38th St., Suite 207, Minneapolis, Minn., 55409.

• The U.S. Supreme Court on June 11 affirmed the constitutionality of a Wisconsin "hate crime" statute that enhances penalties for crimes motivated by a bias against the victim's race, religion, color, disability, national origin, ancestry or sexual orientation.

• The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) opposes the "don't ask, don't tell" policy of keeping military gays and lesbians in the closet. Under the policy proposed by Defense Secretary Les Aspin, gays and lesbians can join the military but can not be open about their orientation. Says NGLTF director Torie Osborn, "Codifying the closet reinforces discrimination." Of course, everyone's waiting to see what Bill Clinton will do on July 15, when he's scheduled to release his executive order on the issue of gays in the military.

• The folks who gave us Amendment 2, Colorado's statewide anti-gay-rights law, held a forum on the "militant homosexual agenda" on June 26. Colorado for Family Values Director Kevin Tobedo says, "In opposing the homosexual agenda, there is no compromise. It will have to be defeated." As part of the forum, the group showed *The Gay Agenda*, a film that includes clips from last year's San Francisco Freedom Day Parade.

• The Judiciary Committee of the Oregon House is deciding whether to send two gay rights measures to the full house. One of the bills deals with discrimination in housing and the other with discrimination in housing and public accommodations. The bills would limit the effects of anti-gay initiatives currently on the ballots in several areas of the state.

• Three men were found guilty June 25 of starting a March 27, 1992 brawl, outside of a gay bar in Baltimore, in which several men were injured. The prosecutor said that the men went to the bar to start a fight. But the gay-bashers' attorney says his clients got nasty after a patron grabbed one of their asses. Homosexual panic defense, anyone? The three are awaiting sentencing.

• In Portsmouth, N.H., police are investigating what appears to be a gay-bashing of a man attacked by two men and forced to give them $10 for beer. A witness, who asked not to be identified, says he saw the victim running from the woods and heard the two alleged assailants screaming anti-gay epithets. The witness, who says the assailants were drunk, flagged down a police car. Police are not yet saying that the crime was hate-motivated. No suspects have been arrested.

• In Concord, N.H., the anti-sex folks have won on a committee of the State Board of Education and passed a recommendation to rewrite a healthcare handbook to emphasize abstinence as the only way to prevent AIDS. That recommendation goes before the full board in August. Stay tuned.

• Tired Tactics Dept.: James Manley of Immanuel Ministries says the proposed gay rights ordinance in Bloomington, Ind., discriminates against people who believe homosexuality violates the Bible. If Bloomington passes the measure, it will become the state's second city to grant its citizens the right to be free of anti-gay discrimination.

• Judy Garland is rolling over in her grave, no doubt. Two anti-gay films will air in Pocatella, Idaho, a town the late singer, who was popular with gay men, made famous in the song "Born

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in a Trunk.'' The films, *The Gay Agenda* and *The Gay Agenda in Public Education*, were submitted by Kurtis Olson, a member of the Idaho Citizens Alliance, which is attempting to pass a statewide anti-gay measure similar to the one in Colorado. The only editing being done on the films is to remove nudity during the gay pride parade footage.

• In Jefferson City, Mo., a group of conservatives has submitted a ballot measure to prohibit what they term government protection for homosexuals. The secretary of state's office must decide whether the proposed measure is up to snuff.

• In a fitting tribute to former Police Chief Dick Hongisto, citizens of Fairfax, Va., who don't approve of the *Washington Blade* being in the libraries, are taking matters into their own hands: They're making sure the copies disappear faster than librarians can replenish them. Though some folks don't think that stealing a free paper is theft, *Blade* Publisher Don Michaels disagrees. He's hiring folks to monitor distribution points in the libraries.

• According to a report from Associated Press, queers are marking dollar bills to demonstrate ''the gay community's economic power.'' Such marked dollars have surfaced in many cities around the country, the report says. Shocking, isn't it?

• Conservatives don't want San Diego school

Artists Frank Pietronigro (l) and Dawn Rudd at the opening of the Hayes Valley State of the Art gallery. Photo by Rink

superintendent Thomas Payzant as assistant education secretary because they think he's progay and anti-Christian. His crime? Stopping a program by the Boy Scouts because the organization is anti-gay and the school system has a nondiscrimination policy. Former San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg was also grilled on her efforts against the Boy Scouts when she went before the Senate during her confirmation hearings before becoming an assistant secretary at HUD.

• An Arizona Catholic priest, accused of sexual advances toward a 17-year-old hitchhiker he picked up, says he had his first sexual experience at age 14 at a Tucson seminary. Rev. Wilputte Alanson Sherwood says his priestly vows and his sexual acts were never in conflict. Sherwood says he is not a pedophile, but prefers men in their 20s. He faces five to 15 years in prison, if convicted.

• Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson must decide whether to sign a domestic partners bill passed by the City Council. Registrations, according to the measure, start in August. There's no word yet on what the mayor might do.

• Historians in Cleburne, Texas, are not happy that the memoirs of Capt. Irving A. Buck contain a comment that could imply that the rebel major for whom their town was named was queer. Buck's memoirs were first printed in 1908. In the book he claims to have eaten with and ''shared the blanket'' of the town hero. But historians say the comment's been misconstrued.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• In London, a leading British pathologist was set to reexamine the bodies of the victims of what appears to be a serial killer preying on gay men, looking for more clues as to who murdered them. Thus far, five men have been found suffocated or strangled in their own residences; one of the victims was an American businessman. Police or newspapers received a phone call after each killing, describing the gory details.

• The lower house of the Irish Parliament passed a bill legalizing homosexual acts among people aged 17 and over. The upper chamber, also known as the Senate, must now approve it. But that approval is considered a done deed. The measure is supported by Justice Minister Maire Geoghegan Quinn and the *Irish Times*, which called it ''a welcome reform.''

Associated Press also contributed to this report. ✿

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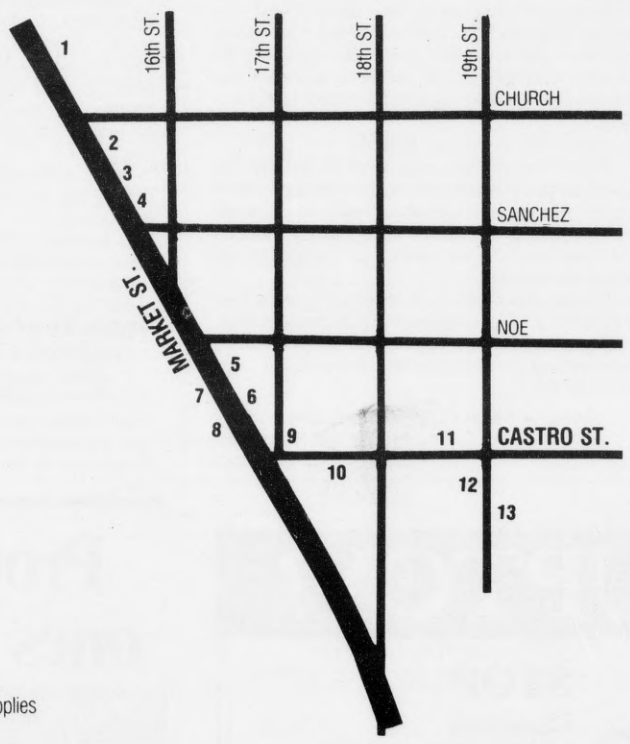

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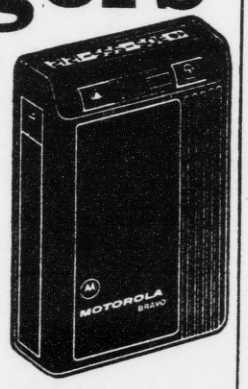

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to transsexuals. You have no right to demand anything until you are ready to extend those rights and recognitions to others.

And Ms. Beatty, I wholeheartedly agree with you, except for the third gender thing. I am a woman; I suffer the same disabilities as other women and enjoy the same benefits. I am not accorded the treatment and status of a male. I also know with a certainty that I am not like other women, but I know with equal certainty that I don't want to be, either.

I was not born, as Anne Wilson Schaef puts it in *Women's Reality*, with the original sin of being born female; I wish I had, for I would not have been so badly brutalized and ostracized by males for being different. On the other hand, not being born female has been a blessing, for through the brutalization I have learned to be my own person. To validate myself and not depend on others to validate me, to remain aloof from those who would try to demean and exclude me, to feel pity for those poor wretched souls who would demean and prejudice me. I learned an independence and self-sufficiency that enabled me to tackle the thousand emotional and social issues that a transgendered person must and will confront.

I have also learned that I pick and choose my friends and lovers on the basis of what is between their ears. The negative energy put out by exclusionists is overwhelming and unhealthy. The anger, fear and hatred that emanates from them does not commend them as worthy companions and should I have been born female I would eschew their company and flee their space as though they carried a plague, which, in a sense, they do—a psychic plague of fear, loathing, distrust and self-hatred.

These womyn arouse in me the same feelings that those gangs of boys did when I was a teen, when on different occasions they threw me in a construction ditch and tried to bury me alive or held my head under water till I started to drown or held me down and gave me pink belly for an hour and then glued and feathered me—or the hundred other indignities visited on me and my sisters of the heart. Those gangs of boys are the alter egos and true counterparts of Sylph and Kristen. I thought I had left that behind when I left heterosexual society and adolescence. Guess not.

Jennifer L. Farrar
Santa Cruz

No More Constructive Engagement

We, the undersigned women, put forth this challenge.

We're sick of the mainstream, appeasement-based, business-as-usual brand of feminism that has passed itself off as the voice of women in this country.

No more Dianne Feinsteins who will parrot male politicians bemoaning base closures because they hurt our military-centered economy. No more Nancy Pelosis who will bend themselves into a pretzel trying to explain the absence of a "liberal" president too cowardly to show up at a national queer rights march. No more Gloria Steinems who will date the likes of right-wing criminal Stanley J. Pottinger and even Henry Kissinger with one hand and then carry the leading torch for women's rights with the other.

No more!

Women are dying of breast cancer, cervical cancer, environmental illnesses, domestic violence, rape, poverty and AIDS in record numbers. The war on women isn't just some hysterical fantasy. It's real, it's ugly and, guess what, being good girls won't make it go away.

Appeasement equals death.

No more "constructive engagement" with the patriarchy. No more illusions about the good intentions of our male "friends." No more hypocritical female sellouts more interested in their connections and bank accounts than ending the horror of being a woman in this country. No more! It's going to stop.

There's only one strategy: Stop smiling and fight back!

Hit 'em where it hurts.

We offer a means of implementing this strategy. This is our challenge. We are a group of women committed in the queer national style of confrontational politics. We are a new organization of women devoted primarily to women's issues. We are an "exclusive club" of women who revel in giving white males nightmares at night. We're loud, we're in your face and we won't shut up. *We are women who will get what we want!*

There is a nation of women waiting to move. There is a nation of women millions strong and thousands of miles across. Our nation is vast, our nation is strong, our nation is broad. Our nation threatens males, confuses males and takes back the words males have used to reduce us into jokes and playthings. We are a nation of women who fight to win.

We are Broad Nation. Join us.

If you think this is a joke, write us and find out about the power of a joke turned back on itself. Write us and find out who the joke is really on. No male can hack the power of a women's nation mobilized. Can you hack the ideological nuances of our name and premise?

For the sake of the lives of women and the love of women it's time to scream: We are Broad Nation.

Write us. Whether you do or don't you will be hearing from us. Broad Nation, 1032 Irving St., Box 820, SF 94122.

Naomi Adelman, Lisa Maddox, Dierdre Clay
Angela Yee, Pat Hutchinson
San Francisco

The First Annual Gay Men's Erotic Safe Sex Video Award winners for "Bi Ways": (l-r) Jeffrey Wright, Freddie Niem, Prescott Chow and Paul Shimazaki. Photo by Rink

We're In This Together

Recently a transsexual was verbally and physically attacked in San Francisco. Not very unusual, right? Wrong! This transsexual was attacked *by a gay man*, right here in the Castro.

How can this happen? Why do we hate each other so much? Where did our sense of community go? When did the Castro become unsafe for certain types of gay people? *This must stop!*

In the next decade, gays and lesbians face formidable opposition in the form of Pat Robertson, Jesse Helms and their friends. Highly organized factions like the TVC are seeking to strip us of our rights, our jobs, our homes, even our children. How can we, as a community, possibly combat this menace if we are constantly fighting with each other?

There was a time, not so long ago, when all gays stood together. We shared our bars and clubs, supported each other, and accomplished great things in terms of politics. We need to regain that sense of community.

This Pride Day, make an effort to bridge this communication gap. Introduce yourself to someone different from yourself. Let Black meet white and Asian meet Mexican. Let businessman meet actor, young meet old, and leatherman meet drag queen. Encourage each other to be different. *Encourage others to take pride in themselves and in all gays everywhere!*

We're in this together, folks, like it or not. The time is past due for us to set aside our differences and embrace our similarities. We must defeat the Lou Sheldons of this world and to do that we must learn to fight *together*.

Adrienne Scholz
San Francisco

Ageism by a P.C. Guru?

I have recently seen ads produced by one of the P.C. gurus, Ggreg Taylor, for a private dance party. Isn't the young man with the affectatious double-g one of the Gang of 40 (unelected to represent anyone) who created dissension in our annual Pride Parade by propagating the degrading adjective "queer"? If

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so, why does his dance club specifically say in its ad, "A Boat Party for Young Men Only 18-24"? Is the latest P.C. fad now also endorsing such blatant *ageism*?

I guess we shouldn't be surprised to see hypocrisy characterize the P.C. "leaders" of the gay community in San Francisco.

I didn't send this letter to the *Bay Area Reporter* because they tend not to publish letters they deem politically out of tune with their own slant.

Olivier Bernardin
Berkeley

Problem With Harvey?

Disclaimer: While reading the following letter, please forgive me if I use a word in such a way other than that listed as the word's *primary definition* in *Webster's*.

While I typically have no interest in engaging in these nasty little back-and-forth letter-writing charades, on the off-chance that others took such a cynical, self-conscious view of my letter, I felt I should respond to Charlie Buel's letter ("Harvey—One of Many," *SF Bay Times*, June 17). Had Mr. Buel written solely to express his point—that many people played a part in furthering gay rights (which should be blatantly obvious to anyone with half a brain)—and not taken on such a vicious tone, I would have taken his point and that would be that.

Again, as I thought was obvious (and probably was to all but the most jaded individuals), the intent of my letter was not to invalidate the efforts of the myriad of committed people who have had a hand in furthering gay rights. How sad it is that Mr. Buel feels that recognizing the accomplishments of one extraordinary leader in our community implies the denigration of others less widely known.

Apparently Mr. Buel was around and "active" in Harvey's day. Yet if, as Mr. Buel seems to imply, Harvey's effects on gay rights were no more substantial than any others lending their efforts to this cause, why is there a powerful and respected political club that bears his name? Why is his birthday cause for front-page coverage on gay rags each year? Why is the documentary of his life considered one of the most important gay works of all time? Of course I speak not only of Harvey's great political accomplishments, but also, and possibly more importantly, the effect he had on the young gays in the "Altoonas" of the world. The tone of Mr. Buel's letter leads me to believe that he personally has (or more probably had) some problem with Harvey, rather than a problem with the sentiment of my letter.

Lastly, regarding my "pathetic and hilarious malapropistic" use of the word "enormity," every dictionary I have referenced does, in fact, (in addition to its more common definitions), define enormity" as I used it, given its context. But apparently, given the tone of Mr. Buel's letter, sensitivity to context is not one of his stronger suits. There is little doubt in my mind that Mr. Buel is also of the opinion that the word "queer" when used by queers is "internalized homophobia."

Why so angry, Chuckles?

Tony G. Meyer
San Francisco

Pablo Batista (l) and Tita Aida emceed the June 27 safe sex benefit rubber club party at the N'Touch. Photo by Rink

Lack of Leadership

San Francisco and the nation are torn by despair and ineptitude. Both suffer from lack of leadership. We are trying to remedy the situation of the homeless in the face of ever increasing rents, a shortage of city services and a lack of beds. The sick and the disabled are among the first to feel the squeeze of those who call themselves leaders. We are trying to build harmony in our cities, yet an overall increase in violent crime due to racism, sexism and publicly sanctioned homophobia—like the ban on gays in the military—has kept America from its rightful path. The phony drug war has turned our neighbors into police informants, our friends into criminals, and our homes into fortresses. Each day that we fail to end the divisions of the past, the security of every American is put in jeopardy.

Frank Jordan ran for public office with the slogan, "Put the train back on track," yet has anyone looked to see which way the train is running? Bill Clinton was elected under a mandate for social change. While Bill's in the kitchen making waffles, the rest of his staff is out making rubber stamps for the conservative right. Sen. John Glenn said the bottom line for gays in the military is "what any changes may do to combat capability," another example of failed leadership and queer-baiting, since it is obvious to every American soldier that combat is not an issue, as evidenced by the killing of Alan Schindler. Straight American soldiers are more ready for combat here at home than anywhere else in the world.

The issue is leadership. Without leadership, hope is fast fading and slogans will do little to hold back the anger of most Americans. When Frank Jordan lost a shoe to a group of angry demonstrators in the Castro district, he saw what he was up against, and he is still trying to run with just one shoe. The late Mayor George Moscone promised to open the doors of City Hall for all people and to make his selections from the neighborhoods and to make business pay its fair share. He said, "I can listen. I can lead. I can do both. I will only be satisfied if in four years—or hopefully eight years—I can change not only the face of San Francisco, but change the soul of San Francisco, and with its extraordinary international authority, (let this city) become a catalyst for (the) conversion of the rest of the country, if not the world."

When Dan White walked into City Hall 15 years ago, he didn't just kill Mayor Moscone, and he didn't just kill Supervisor Harvey Milk; he killed the hope that these two men represented, the kind of hope that strong leadership brings, the kind of hope that works to get people involved in the process of change. George Moscone and Harvey Milk wanted to see the doors of government opened, so that our collective voices could then be heard. Let us take our nation forward, away from the ugliness that the Dan Whites have created. Our time is now.

Jeff Bullard
San Francisco

Filisa's Journal

A note of clarification to Terri L. Smith, editor, *LRC Community News*, and all readers of her letter to the *SF Bay Times*, June 17: O'Hartigan did not request the Lesbian Resource Center donate Filisa Vistima's journal to Evergreen State College; she mentioned our campaign requesting people write to LRC to urge that Filisa's journal be donated to Evergreen. O'Hartigan nowhere in her article accuses LRC of having Filisa's journal.

I wrote to LRC on June 8 urging that Filisa's jour-

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nal be donated to Evergreen College. Terri L. Smith wrote to me on June 14 that "Filisa willed her journal to her closest friends. I borrowed it from them briefly to print the excerpts but have since returned it to them."

What concerns me more than Terri's misinterpretation of the article is that she *did not* indicate that she would pass on my letter when she has admitted she knows who has Filisa's journal. LRC in its October issue has no problem defending its decision to forward responses to Maureen Brooks' half-page ad to her. Must we too buy an ad for LRC to forward our letters to the appropriate people?

Pat L. Krehbiel
Shelton, WA

GLAAD's Transphobia

Anne Bolin has aptly called transsexuals "a medically colonized community." The American Psychiatric Association labels all transsexuals mentally ill. Every transsexual must obtain letters of referral from psychologists and psychiatrists in order to obtain medical care. Psychiatrists in particular have used this power to control our lives. We have been forced to fit male shrinks' stereotypes of us, to become their dress-up dolls, and into trading sex for referral.

Many transsexual women have been told that they didn't "look like women," because they weren't femme enough for the shrink, and were turned down for reassignment. One actually had the nerve to write in a "scientific" paper that he chose who got to have surgery by who turned him on!

Many, many transsexual women have been told that they must leave their careers for "something more appropriate." Lesbians were not accepted for surgery for a long time.

Many of us, as well as many young lesbians, have been incarcerated in mental institutions, labeled with DSMIIIR302.5—transsexualism. Christian right anti-gay propaganda labels bisexuals, gays and lesbians as "gender broken" people in order to bring all of us under the "mentally ill" cloud.

I am a bisexual transsexual who mostly sleeps with radically gendered people. I think that makes me queer. I was certainly queer when I was called that by a queerphobic co-worker. I'm not gay. Lesbians aren't gay. Bisexuals aren't gay. Lots of transsexuals aren't gay. But we're all here, and we're all queer.

On Saturday, June 19, The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) held a forum titled "Gay vs. Queer." Outrageously, no bisexuals and no transgendered people were included in the panel. Yet more outrageously, GLAAD placed Donald Tarver, M.D., a person who symbolizes the oppression of transsexuals, on the panel.

Donald Tarver is a psychiatrist at the Center for Special Problems, where he "serves" transsexuals. Recently he advocated giving psychotropic drugs to people who approached him for hormones. During the GLAAD forum he claimed that transsexuals were represented on APA panels by Shoshana Gillick, M.D., a person whose credentials as a spokesperson for the transsexual community are doubtful at best.

Not surprisingly, another transgendered person and I both objected to the absence of transgendered people on the panel, and to the presence of Dr. Tarver. Not wanting to validate a transphobic process, I left. As I walked out of the room, Allen Carson, the forum moderator, sarcastically called out, "Thanks for sharing," thus trying to minimize my brother and me.

We all have quite enough enemies outside the queer community. This sort of incident is extremely counterproductive.

I am calling on GLAAD to clean up its act.

I am calling on GLAAD to publicly apologize for the incident. Such an apology would discredit transphobia, and would repair some, although certainly not all, of the bad work done by their forum.

The cast of "Pageant" shows what beauty's all about at Headlines on Castro Street. Photo by Rink

I am calling on GLAAD to examine its internal politics, determine what factors led to the incident, and make definite, systemic changes within the organization to prevent a repeat of the incident.

I am calling on GLAAD to share real power within GLAAD with bisexual and transgendered people.

I am calling on GLAAD to report the nature of those changes to the larger community through the queer press.

I would be happy to assist in this process in whatever way I can.

Anne Ogborn
San Francisco

Carole and the Cuts

The following is an open letter to Supervisor Carole Migden:

City Hall Tours would like to acknowledge our meeting with you on Friday, June 18. However, there are particular concerns that we still have regarding your role as an advocate for the health of your community.

First of all, we found the meeting to be very informative in that it demonstrated to us that you appear to have no long-range plan to secure necessary health care services in San Francisco. Secondly, your comment that "life's hard" reflected an apparent disregard for the health and well-being of any individual impacted by a life-threatening disease.

We remain disturbed by your lack of communication and willingness to work with your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to pass certain revenue initiatives. Instead, you directed us to "bring you" the votes of other supervisors for your revenue measures.

Perhaps it is our political naivete but we believe it is your job as an elected official to work with the other elected officials in the best interest of our community. We elected you to represent us; we have not been hired by you to do your job.

We found many of your revenue suggestions to once again be short-term, quick-fix ideas that do not address the increased, disproportionate trend to balance the City, state and federal budgets on the back of health care. A prime example is the fire suppression assessment district. We do not understand why this one idea is continually being presented as the panacea for saving health programs. There is no guarantee that any money generated by such a district would go to health programs; and there was no evidence that such a plan would survive challenges presented by the homeowners' lobby. At no time did we see you out in the community rallying support for this revenue proposal. How can you expect something to succeed when you show no interest in organizing the necessary support from the progressive community?

Additionally, we know that you have introduced several charter reform measures for the November ballot. If you had put as much energy into the passage of your fire suppression assessment district as you have for the charter reform we would be in a much improved situation today.

To this end, City Hall Tours feels it is important to reiterate our demands that:

(1) You go on public record guaranteeing that you will do everything possible to ensure that there will be no cuts in health care services, including women's health, substance abuse, mental health and AIDS.

(2) You will take a visible, community-based leadership role in identifying viable, long-term revenue plans that when implemented leave us not having to repeat this process annually.

The action in the mayor's office on Tuesday, June 15, as well as our meeting with you on Friday, June 18, are two examples of City Hall Tours' commitment to ensuring that our elected politicians guarantee the health and welfare of all San Franciscans.

City Hall Tours is watching!

City Hall Tours
San Francisco

Garden Sullivan to Close

On June 18 the staff of the Garden Campus of California Pacific Medical Center, a.k.a. Garden Sullivan Hospital, was informed that the facility will be closing in January 1994.

If this facility closes, this community will be losing one of the best AIDS care facilities in the City.

Many of us have lost our lovers and best friends at Garden Sullivan. If you have had contact with this hospital, you know that it is a unique AIDS facility here in San Francisco. The staff is very understanding and compassionate, and always willing to accommodate the needs of our community.

Now, when AIDS care facilities are needed most, the parent "corporation" has decided that it is time to close this valuable hospital. Our community cannot allow this to happen.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in early July to decide the fate of Garden Sullivan. If you feel as I do about Garden Sullivan, voice your opinion now! Send your letter of protest to the board at: California Pacific Medical Center, Office of the Board of Directors, 2333 Buchanan, SF 94115; or call members of the board at (415) 923-3501 or (415) 923-6144 to voice your anger at this proposed action.

Input from the community is needed now... we cannot let them close this valuable AIDS care facility during this critical time of need.

Name withheld by request
San Francisco

Bill, Be True

The following letter was sent to President Bill Clinton:

Thank you for naming Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg as your Supreme Court nominee, and for putting the civil rights agenda back on track.

I feel your greatest accomplishment, as well as your greatest contribution to America and Americans will be in the area of civil rights.

I do hope that you will stick to your guns and sign an executive order ending the discrimination against gays and lesbians in our military. We are not a lesser country than Canada and Australia in respecting our citizens' civil rights. The sham "hearings" by Sam Nunn have actually served to wake up the American people to the discrimination and the majority of Americans feel it is patently unfair and dishonorable to continue that discrimination.

I am gay. My first lover was Dr. Tom Dooley, an American who was a co-worker of Dr. Albert Schweitzer. Dr. Dooley, a Navy doctor until the U.S. Naval Investigative Service wiretapped his phones and illegally searched his briefcases for personal letters (see Randy Shilts' book, *Conduct Unbecoming*), was dishonorably discharged in 1956. In 1958, when Dooley became world-famous, the joint chiefs and the chief of naval operations exploited his fame and tried to hide their discrimination.

My second, and last, lover was TSGT Leonard Matlovich, whose family altogether has more than 130 years in the U.S. Air Force.

I risked my own neck in Panama, where I went as a spy for an agency during the Bush administration. I later returned as a spy to the Middle East during the Gulf War, in the expectation that (as promised) the military was lifting the ban on gays and lesbians. I believed it when I saw President Bush send off openly gay and lesbian troops to war, only to feel betrayed when the Pentagon kicked out these heroes upon their return.

I know election promises are difficult to keep, Mr. President, because of variables one does not know of at election time. However, you are, I feel, a great man capable of bringing about the winds of change in our society and fulfilling the American dream—the dream all Americans have of equality and full civil rights and respect for themselves as people.

I have AIDS and I know that my own time here is somewhat on a budget. But in the time I have left, I dream of seeing an America where hate is minimized, where all Americans feel secure in their personal liberties, and where no longer will my brothers and sisters in the gay and lesbian community suffer pain from discrimination. I am part of that family. I did not choose my orientation. But, if I had been capable of making a choice, I would choose to stand with them, with those who have the courage to withstand the intolerance of hate, and who love their countrymen nevertheless.

I hope you will continue your civil rights agenda and go down in history as a strong president who accomplished all that he promised. You had our support at election time and you have it now. And even if you only bring about the end of bigotry in government, I think it will be perceived as a major victory for you and the Democratic Party come next election time.

Governor Pete Wilson, a Republican, failed to grasp the importance of civil rights and he vetoed AB-101 in California. He is in a right pickle today, and I doubt that Californians will re-elect him, no matter what. I hope it is a lesson well-learned by our Democratic Party.

Cliff Anchor
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What Is Sexy?

Sexiness is something each of us thinks about. We think about our own sexiness—or somebody else's. This writer facilitated a Black and White Men Together (BWMT) rap on the nature of sexiness. The participants were all gay men; most agreed the man of their dreams is masculine, self-confident, intelligent, loving, sensitive, has values, is easy-going, has a sense of humor, has a great butt, is well-endowed, mature, articulate and muscular.

At the start of the rap, a questionnaire was given to each participant, asking him to select ten words which best describe what turns him on about a man. No one selected balding, pretty, wealthy, popular or chubby. Participants were unanimous in their agreement that intimacy, affection, intelligence, a sense of humor and a certain physical type turns them on.

PALPITATIONS OF THE HEART

Much of what turns some of us on occurs between our ears before the urge moves southward. Some still like romance—the courting, the gestures, the public and private validation and commitment to you, and only you. Some just want quick, mechanical accommodation. For some, there is excitement—risk-taking, exhibitionism, sex in public places. These compulsive, fast-lane tarts are least likely to confuse love with sex, but will confuse you if it gets them what they want. This writer has a friend who woke up naked and handcuffed to the ironwork in the elevator of his East Side New York City apartment building. Isn't that exciting? His neighbors thought so.

Some are bored with reality and need a little fantasy to get it up. Being someone you are not, or doing what you believe convention forbids you to do helps engorge those naughty places. Yes, sir! Yes, master! (''Yes, daddy'' does it for some.) Role-playing can be climactic when done in ways both partners find erotic and pleasing.

Next in our erection parade comes fear—fear of the unknown, danger, strangers in our home. Also, there is fear of a partner who is not a stranger, but who may be violent or dangerous in other ways. Some come to regard violent outbursts as sexy because, in their minds, it shows that their partner really cares. One participant admitted to having better sex after he and his lover fight: ''He wouldn't be jealous and do this if he didn't love me.''

Then, for the way-out-of-control control freaks, there is power—non-consensual sex, rape, murder. For them, the sexual experience is heightened by the dislike and pain the victim (not partner) is experiencing, and their power to control. As Dahmer observed, his victims would never leave him. Especially nowadays, we good guys must consider with whom we are making whoopie because there are a lot of sick, irresponsible puppies out there. Shades of Dahmer, gay-bashing, and fraternity pranks are on the rise.

One participant spoke of being turned on by a ''hungry psyche,'' and other men present agreed there is something indefinable that they recognize as sexy when they feel it. One participant worried that we were objectifying men by discussing our attraction to body parts. Another insisted that a man's self-awareness is a very important factor in what turns him on. Fortunately, there is little room for doubt. We each have a thermometer between our legs that tells us what is hot and what's not.

Another man said, ''My interests have changed from men who are powerful—either physically, intellectually, or financially—to men who are masculine but emotionally expressive, sensitive, have values and their own sense of style. He may not have a quarter, but he must know who he is and like himself. I'm less interested now in men who just want to sleep with me.''

PACKAGE, PACKAGE, PACKAGE

All of the participants agreed they already have some idea as to what they want to do sexually with a man. All but one said they were turned on by a man's voice (no lisping); most (90 percent) have fantasies which turn them on. All but one agreed they were not turned on by cross-dressing; they were not turned on by wealth, either.

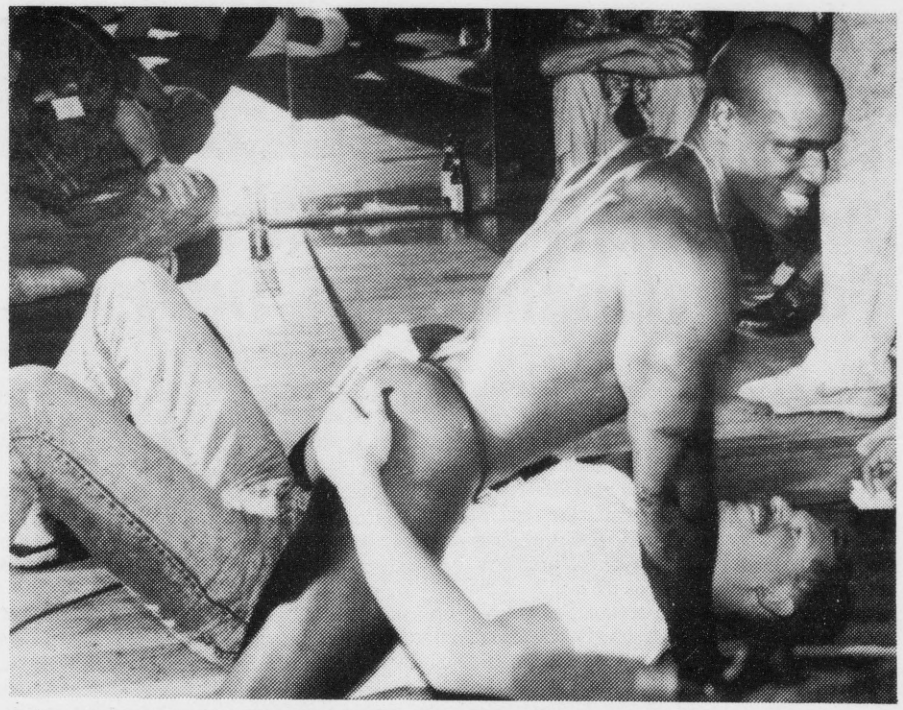
Perhaps our downfall may be in the valuing of the packaging that binds us together as a community. If that community does not exist the morning after, if our only investment is sexual, if our only allegiance is to what turns us on, then there are those among us who are too shallow to deserve much more than what they are getting.

POSITIVE PLEASURE

When asked about the difference in freedom of sexual expression prior to and during the era of AIDS, and how that impacts what men find sexy, and what they do sexually, practically all the participants indicated that they only have safe sex. ''So the HIV status of my partner does not matter,'' said one. Some resent being asked about their HIV status by a sex partner. Others resent not being told in advance if a partner is HIV positive.

However, HIV status still defines who sleeps with whom. Some who are HIV-positive feel more comfortable sleeping with others who are HIV-positive. Some of the men who identified themselves as HIV-positive said they feel a special bond with other HIV-positive men. ''I don't want to be responsible for exposing them (HIV-negative men) to AIDS''. Another man pointed out that not everyone is that conscientious. ''There are HIV-positive men out there who have no remorse about spreading it around, and many HIV-negative men are scared shitless at having sex with another man at all. They are staying home and playing their video cassettes.''

One HIV-positive man recalled having discovered one of his partners had KS when they got undressed, and having ''licked his liaisons.'' On the other hand, another HIV-negative man had a similar experience, but couldn't go through with it. ''I asked him to leave,'' he said. A masculine HIV-positive man was interested in knowing what makeup would help him blend in so that he could get over.



A ''sexy'' encounter during the Nat'l BWMT Conference in SF. Photo by Rink

One man said he had lived a long life and would make up his own mind about what he does. Another man said he could find something sexy in all men. ''There is something to like about everybody if you look for it.'' When asked if what they found to be sexy has changed through the years, one Asian man observed, ''My interests have expanded from only Black men to include white men.''

PERSONALITY PREVAILS

Have you ever wondered why a particular average-looking guy seems so popular with ''gorgeous'' men? Or been told, ''He has a great personality''? Some people who are not glamour queens are fun to be with. And, conversely, some glamour queens are no fun at all. Personality traits which boost sex appeal are: a sense of humor (someone who can laugh without being derisive of others, who usually finds some joy in the moment); shyness (when bedtime arrives, it obviously is a special, uncommon moment for him); a value system (someone who does what he says he will do; who is loyal, faithful, honest, sincere, dependable); macho (natural is way better than affected. The look turns us on, but the essence may turn us off); and sensitivity (the essence turns us on, but the look may turn us off).

Most agreed they did not want to hear references to other lovers, ex-lovers and boyfriends right away or often. Although, as one man said, ''I appreciate the information so I won't waste my time.'' Other turn-offs shared were men who try to impress with material things; men who say they are straight but who want to go to bed with you; men who speak negatively about friends and past lovers; men who are ''clammy'' in bed; men who have bad breath; and men who lie to you. A number of men also emphasized that substance abuse, lack of emotional support, and lack of mutual sexual interest were not acceptable—and definitely not sexy. ✿

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Proposal: A Better Strategy For Developing AIDS Drugs

It is widely agreed that what is most needed for better AIDS treatment is better drugs—and that the drug-development strategies of the past have failed to provide them. If the Concorde report at the Berlin conference does lead to a movement among activists and others against AZT and the other third-rate AIDS drugs now available, then the success and value of this movement will centrally depend on the quality of the alternative drug-development strategies which it can advocate. It is not enough to only say what has been wrong so far; we also need to suggest ways to fix it.

To contribute toward this thinking, we have outlined what we believe would be the most important advance today in conducting clinical trials and moving the results into clinical practice. Details remain to be filled in, and changes to the overall picture will be required. And this effort needs the work of many people, so we decided to present what we can suggest now, instead of waiting to develop it as a more finished proposal.

ANTIVIRALS, AND VIRAL ACTIVITY TESTS

Two major directions now for drug development are (1) improved antivirals, especially practical treatments which suppress HIV in chronically as well as acutely infected cells, and (2) immune system treatments, both to control the virus indirectly, and to repair damage already done. Our choice is to start with antivirals, because today they are easier to test. It is much easier to tell if an antiviral is doing what you want it to do, than to tell if an immune therapy is doing something that will help in the long run.

Screening drugs to test for antiviral activity in humans has long been a minor part of conventional drug development—even several years ago, when only the crude p24 antigen test was available for this purpose. AZT, ddI, etc., do pass the antiviral activity test. What has been done is to select a few volunteers who have a p24 antigen value high enough to read on the tests then available, have them start using the proposed antiviral, and watch their p24 antigen levels for a few weeks to see if they are reduced.

The strategy we propose would:

(1) Make this kind of test for antiviral activity in humans central to HIV drug development, not peripheral to it.

(2) Take advantage of the advances in viral testing which are about to become available, such as sensitive tests for HIV RNA, which are not commercially available but can be used by researchers through special arrangements. Meanwhile, testing could also be done with the newer p24 antigen test (called "acid dissociated" or "ICD" p24) which is already in common use in medical practice, at least in most states (it has been difficult to obtain in New York, due to the way medical laboratories are regulated there).

(3) Use these small, fast antiviral activity trials to test many kinds of antivirals, not only nucleoside analogs or other reverse transcriptase inhibitors. The same kind of trial will work for drugs which act at different parts of the viral life cycle—and even for certain immune-based therapies, if they might reduce viral activity indirectly. It is especially important to test drugs that have shown activity against HIV in laboratory tests with chronically infected cells, where reverse-transcriptase inhibitors are not effective.

(4) When a drug is known to be safe, and known to show antiviral activity in humans, then it should be made available as an option to physicians and patients, without waiting for a large phase III trial to get definitive proof of clinical benefit. In testing treatments for an infectious disease, control of the causative organism is not a "surrogate marker," which must itself be validated by years-long clinical trials. It is, instead, the central goal of therapy.

(5) Rapidly develop the improved viral-activity tests (which now exist in research laboratories) to make them available to practicing physicians, so they can use them to individualize their patients' therapies. Physicians would continuously monitor the test results, and whenever they found viral activity, try the various drugs developed as above (drugs known to suppress viral activity in humans), until they find a drug, dose, or combination which suppresses it. Then they would keep monitoring, and change the treatment regimen again if viral activity ever comes back.

(6) With sensitive enough viral activity tests, this strategy could be applied to early HIV treatment also, when T-helper counts are over 500. It might or might not be necessary to treat everybody. But it will be necessary to monitor everybody, to start treatment as soon as patients need it.

ADVANTAGES

The conventional approach to testing AIDS drugs is illustrated by the Concorde trial. A drug or combination is selected for testing, and then it is applied in a standard way, with as little individual variation as possible, to randomly selected members of a group of patients. Others are randomly selected for one or more comparison treatments. The message from Concorde is that these trials must run for several years, and must look for differences in survival or major disease progression, as short-term results or T-helper count changes are not reliable. After an immense effort requiring hundreds of volunteers and lasting for years, a single drug or combination therapy is either accepted or rejected.

The alternative strategy proposed above tests new drugs and combinations in weeks, not in years. Then, once safety is assured, the new treatment could be made widely available as an option to physicians. Once a drug is known to be safe and known to have good antiviral activity in humans, physicians should be allowed to weigh its advantages and disadvantages, in comparison with those of other available treatments, and use their medical judgment.

Another advantage of the proposed strategy is that it produces individualized treatments, giving a range of options which can be tested and refined for each patient. Conventional HIV drug development, based on statistical averages, tests a single treatment on everyone.

It is now widely accepted that much of the progression of HIV disease is caused by worse viruses (drug-resistant viruses, syncytia-inducing viruses, etc.), which arise from mutations as HIV reproduces. Drugs like AZT block only the reverse transcriptase step in the HIV life cycle. In chronically infected cells, where this step has already taken place, the virus remains active. Partially blocking the virus, as the current drugs do, creates ideal conditions for drug-resistant and other mutant strains to evolve.

What needs to be done is to block viral activity as much as possible, so that there will be very little reproduction and little chance for harmful mutants to be produced. To do this, we need different kinds of drugs, better viral tests to make sure the drugs are working in a particular patient, and a greater number and diversity of treatment options, so that when one treatment fails it can be replaced.

HIV Immigration Ban & Travel Restrictions

The HIV immigration ban recently passed by Congress and attached to the NIH Reauthorization Act was signed into law by President Clinton on June 10. Clinton opposed the HIV

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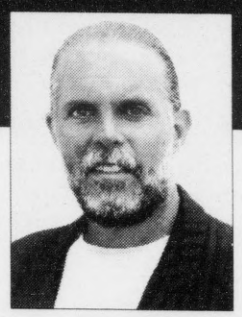

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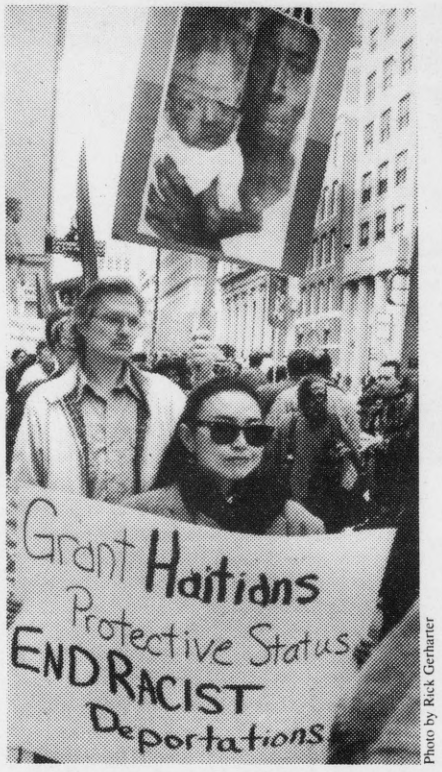

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restriction initially, but did not speak actively against it in Congress. Since Clinton could not veto the bill without also vetoing the NIH Reauthorization Act, which included important reforms for AIDS, cancer, women's health and other medical research, the AIDS community did not push for a veto.

The news came while we were in Berlin covering the International Conference on AIDS. When one German told us he was dropping out of an international research study because he feared that U.S. authorities might get his name and he would never be able to visit his friends in the United States again, we said that it was unnecessary to drop out because there were waiver provisions for short-term visits of up to 30 days—long enough for scientific conferences and for most personal and business visits. If his future plans did not call for a longer stay, they would not be disrupted. The possibility of waivers had not been reported in the German press account—and probably not elsewhere in the world's press either. We decided to publish this information in an effort to reduce damage to AIDS research and prevention programs worldwide.

After returning from Berlin we researched the situation further, and talked to Aimee Berenson, who is the legislative counsel for the AIDS Action Council in Washington, D.C. We learned that the new law does not change the existing policy which allows such waivers. But there is much uncertainty about how Attorney General Janet Reno will use her discretion regarding continuance of these waivers, so no one knows what will be available in practice in the future.

The new HIV ban consists of less than one sentence. The previous law, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1990, listed as excludable "any alien who is determined (in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services) to have a communicable disease of public health significance." The new legislation adds, "which shall include infection with the etiologic agent for acquired immune deficiency syndrome." This does not change the U.S. policy that existed before the law was passed, but freezes it so that it cannot be changed administratively. The legislation overrules the U.S. Public Health Service, which for years has wanted to list only active tuberculosis as an excludable condition under this section, but was blocked from removing HIV by the Bush administration. Now HIV must be listed by an act of Congress, no matter what public-health officials determine or what the president decides.

Under current practice, customs officials do not seek out short-term visitors who have HIV. If visitors arrive here and then declare that they have HIV, or if AZT or other AIDS drugs are found

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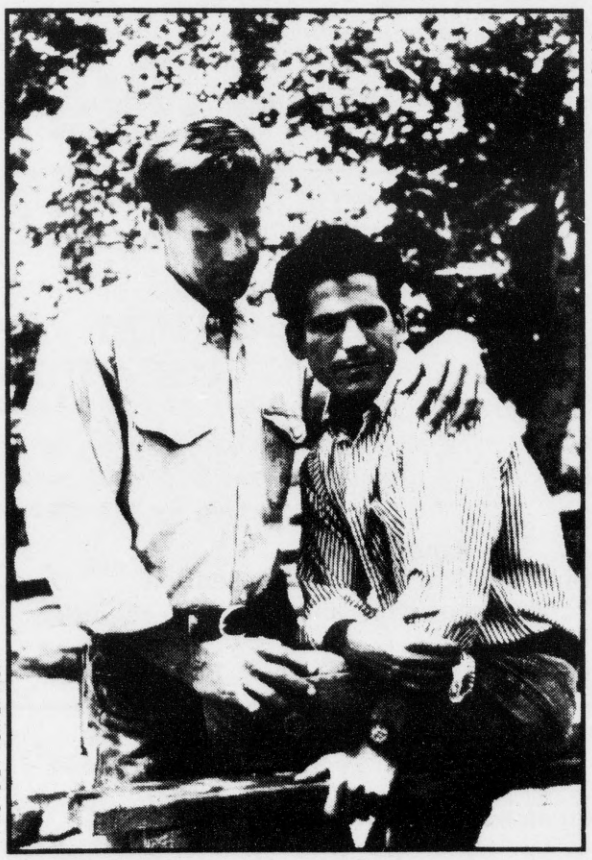

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in their luggage, they are questioned about the purpose of their trip and whether they have health insurance. Then they may be given a waiver and released to continue their trip. We do not know how many waivers are denied since statistics are not available. Nor do we know how many visitors are excluded without an official denial, by being forced to choose between returning immediately or waiting in detention, sometimes for weeks, before their case will be heard. AIDS activists have only heard of a few cases, but probably never hear about most of the people who are barred and sent back.

For applicants for permanent residence—usually long-term U.S. residents now trying to legalize their status—waivers are much more restrictive. They may be allowed only for specified family members: "the spouse or the unmarried son or daughter, or the minor unmarried lawfully adopted child, of a United States citizen, or of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or of an alien who has been issued an immigrant visa," or for an applicant who "has a son or daughter who is a United States citizen, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien who has been issued an immigrant visa." Many cases do not fit this definition, and families are sometimes broken up. The new law guarantees that this situation will continue.

For short-term visitors, Attorney General Janet Reno could revise the regulations—such as making waivers automatic for trips of up to 30 days, so that short-term visitors do not need to worry about bringing their medicines with them, and could make their travel plans and business plans without this uncertainty. But there are also proposals to make the restrictions more burdensome, such as requiring a large money bond to prevent people from overstaying their visas. It is not known if the attorney general will address these regulations at all— and if she does, whether the result will be better or worse than the current situation.

In short, there is a good chance that persons with HIV will be able to come to the United States for short trips to visit family or friends, attend scientific conferences, conduct business, travel as tourists, or purchase medical care not otherwise available. But no assurances can be given.

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THE GUANTANAMO CAMP

On June 8, a federal judge ruled that the United States must release the 158 HIV-positive Haitian refugees held for 18 months at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo, Cuba. U.S. authorities had determined that these refugees had a legitimate fear of persecution if returned to Haiti. But then when they tested HIV-positive, the United States refused to process their applications for political asylum, because of the U.S. policy of excluding persons with HIV—the same policy Clinton said he wanted to change, but which the new law makes permanent. The Clinton administration decided not to immediately appeal (thanks in part to major public protests against the mistreatment of the Haitians). By June 14 the barbed wire at the camp had come down, and some of the Haitians had already been flown to the United States.

Some people have erroneously believed that this decision overruled the HIV ban. But, as Ms. Berenson explained, the judge only ruled that if the United States detains people, then it must provide them with due process (the chance to pursue their legal case for political asylum) and medical care. The judge also ruled that their HIV status cannot be a basis for denying them their basic rights. He did not rule on the constitutionality of the ban itself.

By sending a high-profile message around the world that people known to have HIV cannot count on fair treatment, Congress has created an incentive for everyone in the world to not be tested for HIV. Those who already know they are positive are thus motivated to avoid the public health system, avoid volunteering for medical research, and avoid working with AIDS-control efforts.

AIDS prevention efforts around the world are centrally based on the trust that people can step forward and cooperate with public-health programs without suffering unbearable consequences as a result. No amount of compulsion or regimentation will replace what this trust can do. Damaging trust makes AIDS prevention everywhere work less well.

The ostensible purpose of the new law was to save money by excluding from the United States people who might need medical care at public expense. The real purpose was to harm the Clinton presidency so that Republicans will have a better chance of winning the White House back in 1996. Democrats were slow to support Clinton because some of their leaders in the Senate think that they themselves were more worthy than he to be president. The ban also reflects hostility against im-

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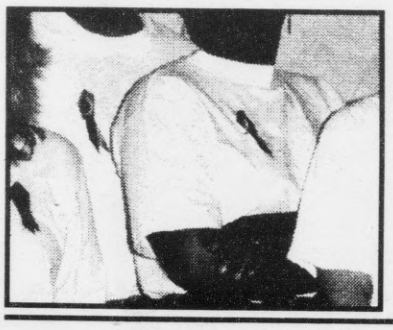

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migrants which is increasing around the world due to economic problems, especially the growth of a high-tech global economy which no longer has room for much of the middle class, and hatred of gays, also increasing due to economic problems. The religious right, obsessed with homosexuality, still sees AIDS as a gay disease. According to one estimate, the religious right generated several hundred thousand calls to Congress supporting the ban, compared to less than a tenth as many opposed.

Another part of the story is that in the recent case, the AIDS community did a poor job of mobilizing immediate grassroots political support— massive calls and letters from people to their Congressional representatives—against the ban. It is widely believed, among AIDS political specialists outside the Beltway, that the basic problem is that some of our Washington organizers are not good at grassroots organizing because they are threatened by it, as their stock in trade is their inside connections. We are not close enough to judge the accuracy of this diagnosis.

We do know that until the AIDS community can both do the inside work and also organize at least 100,000 calls and letters to Congress within days on a major national issue, we will always be vulnerable to this kind of attack, unable to protect the vital needs of the nationwide and worldwide fight against the epidemic. And behind the calls and letters, we must have policies which are widely understood and supported by the public, and also by activists in many different causes.

To those who say it can't be done, we point out that it was done, and on this very issue. In 1991, 117,902 people wrote to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control during a public-comment period to oppose the same ban which Congress just now passed into law. 17,833 people supported the ban at that time. To those who say we can't spare the energy, since it must go into other pressing matters of the epidemic, we point out that different people mobilize for different purposes. With effective leadership, many would come out to do political work—people who otherwise would not be volunteering for AIDS work at all.

Yet even without the 100,000 calls, Congress still bears institutional responsibility for its actions. To use a deadly epidemic as a political football, with no regard for the consequences, is a monstrous disservice. The most important accomplishment of this Congress might be the assistance it gave toward sending an out-of-control epidemic into the next century.

Having finished its game of political football, Congress can simply walk away. But the world will pay with money and, more importantly, with lives for a long time to come. ✿

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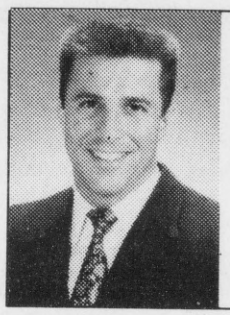

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BY JACK FERTIG

Any Month That Moves

Welcome to July! Other months were named for dyke deities and gay gods But this may be the only month that was named for a real live queer, that famous "husband to every woman, and wife to every man," a bisexual slut who conquered his world, Julius Caesar. (Any info on Augustus will be happily considered, but he seems rather dour by comparison. And I'm terribly sorry, but it's a bit late in the game to name a month after Heliogabalus!)

This week Jupiter (in Libra) and Mars (in Virgo) are in aspect, making us all a bit more energetic and playful, but also more critical. In your games remember that the fun is more important than the rules. This is an especially good time to develop safer sexual techniques, but then again—isn't it always?

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: This week you are creative and expansive at work, critical and focused in play. The good news is that you can bring these polarities together. This is an excellent time to analyze problems in teamwork. But you should be very careful how you express those problems, and solutions, to your co-workers. You're tempted to invest a sense of *family* into the team, but that will personalize your efforts too much and alienate others. This is also a good time to take up some team sports or an exercise class.

TAURUS: Contrary to the usual pattern, housecleaning can now trigger creative impulses. By re-arranging and cleaning up, you may find space and ideas to create your own studio space. Of course the place will be a mess all over again, but such a *creative* mess. If scrubbing and dusting fail to inspire you, invite some of your more artistic friends over for a salon in the fashion of Gertrude Stein. You are unusually chatty now, but grace and charm seem to radiate as a halo about you. This in turn makes you appear somehow responsibly creative. Indeed, you could do Gertrude Stein do Gertrude Stein do do Gertrude doing Gertrude Stein!

GEMINI: You're ready now to eclipse your own reputation as a chatterbox. Charming though your loquacity is right now, it may be a bit much for the folks at home. And yet, you seem to be at your best at home. The easy answer is to invite some friends in for stimulating conversation so your roommates can go out and enjoy other pleasures. The more you talk, the more you may come to realize that there is an internal dialogue much more important than your verbal badinage. As you discuss things that matter, you will find your values challenged and needing re-evaluation. Don't get defensive about it, but welcome the opportunity for challenge and growth.

CANCER: Money can fly right through your pockets these days. You can earn it with a little hard work, but if you're not at all careful you'll spend it twice as fast. If you can focus your energy into raking it in and salting it away, you'll have a tidy little bit of savings. This is an ideal time to make lucrative contacts, but be careful. You can also run into people who will take you for a very expensive little ride. A little thought makes all the difference! Your friends will help you look eloquent and capable this week, but if you start taking on responsibilities you'll soon find yourself in over your head. *Happy Birthday: Ann Englar, Chris Murphey, Ann Soucy-West!*

LEO: You're inclined to feel awfully self-critical these days, which could be very good! Just be sure that (a) you keep a positive attitude, looking for opportunities at self-improvement rather than focusing on your faults; and (b) you look for solutions in a context of sound values (i.e., character and morality) rather than buying things to make yourself look good. Ah, yes, "morality." That has to do with integrity, honesty and respect; not with whom you're fucking. You want to look at deeper issues than image now, but you can look very good by talking friends into helping out in some act of social service. You'll end up taking more responsibility than you expect, but you will also earn great respect.

VIRGO: Temper, temper, temper! Whatever has been bugging you lately is making you terribly feisty these days. But the same thing is probably annoying a lot of people. If you can zero in on the cause, you could channel that energy into something that will earn you opportunities and admiration. As soon as you start feeling bitchy, take an inventory of your real problems and apply your problem-solving skills. If you can keep a healthy productive focus on the real problem, you'll be able to charm your colleagues into joining you in a real solution.

LIBRA: Usually you prefer your company one on one, but right now you're better off in a group where you can open up to secrets you've been keeping to yourself. A support group or spiritual fellowship would be ideal. But if you don't have such organization in your life, a few of your most trusted friends could be very helpful. A fine way to gain personal insights would be to organize friends into some sort of service group. Round up some folks for the AIDS walk or any other charitable activity. You are enjoying an extra bit of charisma lately, but it won't last. Don't take it too seriously or you'll trip on your ego.

SCORPIO: With little effort you can excel in any political maneuvers this week. The biggest challenge will be in how well you handle criticism. Actually, the biggest challenge will be in how you handle authority, but you'll have to deal adeptly with criticism to do that effectively. It seems your friends are rallying behind you to take on someone in charge so you may as well take the challenge. Consider your options and strategies carefully. It will take some work, but you can win this one! There's something at home that's annoyingly uncomfortable. A weekend out may provide a lovely diversion, but you will have to deal with it sooner or later.

SAGITTARIUS: This is an ideal time to blow your horn. Publicity and recognition are just waiting for you to take your opportunity. You'll have to nudge just a bit, but you've always found it easy to become the centaur of attention. I wouldn't worry! You may be a little too eager to demonstrate your wisdom by criticizing the ideas of others. Leave your friends alone and pick on dead philosophers. You'll look more erudite and invite less hassle. Hard work makes you look very sexy this weekend, but will more likely lead you to exercise compassion than libido. Allow yourself to get tongue-tied in a difficult, deeply personal conversation. That will be more honest and better appreciated than glib facility.

CAPRICORN: You are now hell bent on proving your open-mindedness. You're even capable of making people sit and listen to you insist how open and freedom-loving you are! What you really need is a good challenge. If you're a devout Christian read something by Starhawk or Alan Watts. If you're a radical pagan, study St. Augustine. If you must, you can tell yourself that you're doing it to "know the enemy" but I promise, if you take the challenge, you will find yourself enriched. Take some time out to enjoy an adventure with your partner, but budget ahead or you'll be in for a very rude surprise.

AQUARIUS: Your libido's been stronger than usual lately. Right about now it will heat up your partnership, but whether for good or ill. Your partner is inclined to be either technically proficient in the *arts d'amour* or just plain bitchy that you're demanding so much. The latter is much less likely than the former. If lovey-pie cops an attitude, it will become a full-fledged power struggle—unless you surrender completely before it becomes a battle. Then you will win in the long run. This is a good weekend for house cleaning, even though it will make you feel old. Ironically (and you do love irony!) that mature feeling will make you all the more attractive.

PISCES: You've been awfully nervous and picky lately. Blame it on Mars in your sixth house if you like, but try to focus that energy creatively. This is a great time to consult a health practitioner or an exercise or diet consultant. Basically you feel a need to involve somebody else in your critical efforts. If you don't recruit somebody to help you work on yourself, you'll find it much too easy to focus that energy on trying to help someone you feel terribly involved with. Your involvement could get terrible indeed as your helpfulness devolves into codependent nagging. As soon as you feel the urge to help, think instead of something with which you could use their help. This is a great weekend to flirt, but be careful with whom you flirt. Someone will come back for more. ✿

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coming UP

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JUL 1 / T H U

Rainbow's End Support Group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth ages 14-23 meets today & 7/1, 15 & 22. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. Info/location: 457-1115 or 457-3523.

Women Survivors Open Mike at Mama Bears: Women survivors of traumatic abuse tell their story thru poetry, journals, narrative, movement, visual art & performance. Safe, supportive place to share your work. Ongoing series, meets 1st Thurs of each month. 7 pm, $3. Women only. Reservations suggested. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At Mama Bears: Open Mike for Women Survivors of Traumatic Abuse. A safe, supportive space to tell your story thru poetry, journals, narrative, movement, visual art & performance. Evening begins with works by survivors who have been meeting weekly. 7 pm, $3. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Astrology Class with Susan Levitt. Three-week class for beginners. 7-9 pm. Sausalito location. Info/res: 331-1028.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: *Yoga Journal* editor Stephan Bodian discusses his new book, *Living Yoga*, an extensive manual of yoga history & principles, teaching how to incorporate yoga into daily practice thru nutrition, relaxation techniques and time management. Bodian also leads a demo and guided meditation. SF author and *NY Times Magazine* contributor Fenton Johnson reads from *Scissors, Paper, Rock*, his new novel telling the story of an HIV-positive son who goes back home to Kentucky to see his dying father. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave (btwn Turk & Golden Gate), SF. Info: 441-6670.

New Horizons Social/Support Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual adults ages 21-29 meets tonight & 7/8, 15 & 22. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. Info/location: 457-1115 or 457-3523.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer and author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru* discusses "Detachment: How to Stay Centered." 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret: Performance artist Kelly presents a humorous & campy, unauthorized version of the words, music, myth and persona of the contemporary artist & cultural icon. Show runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 7/4, with an added 10 pm show on Fri 7/2. Tix: $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Freight & Salvage: Country/bluegrass/swing with Tim O'Brien & *The O'Boys* (Scott Nygaard & Mark Schatz). 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Solveig Dommartin appears in Claire Denis' "No Fear, No Die," at the Roxie Cinema thru July 8.

JUL 2 / F R I

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight & 7/9. Eastbay location. Info: Gerry (510) 428-2144.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & our women friends: Come let go of the week and your work, bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing and Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Eastbay location this month. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. 7:30 pm. Call (510) 549-2048 for location, directions & other info.

John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/1.

Psychodrama: "Qu'est-ce c'est?", an intense evening of torpid sexual tension at ATA. Julie Zando & Jo Anstey, Greta Snider and Rachel Mayeri present video exploring upheavals of the human psyche in ways that magnify emotional turmoil, repression, fear & fantasy in our daily lives & love relations, as well as historical context. Three films shown (*The Bus Stops Here: 3 Case Histories; Mute; The Electropathic Sanitarium*) address issues seen as a plausible outgrowth of the warped gyno-psychology of 19th century Viennese men of science. $3-5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Call 824-3890 for screening time and other info.

JUL 3 / S A T

Condoms for Cuba: Coalition of queer groups collect condoms to send to Cuba with the upcoming US-Cuba Friendship-ment Caravan (leaves the Bay Area 7/21). Because of the US blockade, condoms (and all other material goods) are in short supply in Cuba. Bring your donations to 18th & Castro, SF between 10 am-2 pm. Info: 995-4678.

Clinic Defense Training: Operation Rescue anti-abortion, anti-gay, anti-woman group has targeted San Jose as part of their national "Cities of Refuge" campaign (7/9-18) to shut down and/or blockade clinic entrances. Bay Area pro-choice organizations are mobilizing to train people to defend women's access to abortion & other health services and to protect healthcare workers from terrorist attacks. Scheduled Defense Trainings: 7/3, 11 am—3425 Army St, SF; spons by Bay Area Pro-Choice Coalition (NOW, CARAL, Planned Parenthood, etc); call 255-1989. 7/8 at 7 pm—Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF; spons by SF NOW and CARAL North, call 546-7211. Daily carpools to San Jose 7/9-18, starting at 4:30 am—from SF, meet at Church & Market, SF. From Eastbay—meet at Ashby BART Station in Berkeley. Listen to KPFA, 94.1 FM for updates; call SF-Bay Area Pro-Choice Coalition for more info: 255-1989. For information on other trainings call ARD (415) 252-0750 or BAAD (408) 739-4992.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge opens! Grand opening celebration weekend for this alternative dyke space. Drug/alcohol/smoke-free hangout for dykes, open noon-11 pm every weekend. Party/crafts fair noon-5 pm today. 4035 18th St, SF.

Alternative Music at El Rio with *Zircus, Johnny's Problem, Ja Ja Little Man* and *Red Meat*. 4-8 pm, $5. 10 pm-2 am: *Mermen, Pale Horse* and *Spoto*, with members of *Field Trip* and *The Movie Stars*; $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Why We Have a Body: Benefit performance of Claire Chafee's hit romantic comedy exploring female myths and relationships. 4 pm, $20. Proceeds benefit SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). The Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason, Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

At Red Dora's Bearded Lady: Show opens with *The Rammin' Tampons*, a lesbo-terrorist binge-n-purge rap group performing projectile feminism. Also author Mary Wings, "the thinking women's lust object" reading from her latest thriller *Divine Victim*. Justin Bond, practicing female, shows us how to be both hard & wet at the same time; Darrell Alvarez (best literary silhouette this side of Mt Rushmore) reads his gorgeous short story about his daddy in jail and predator/editor Masha Gessen discusses radical heterosexuality. Also catch Rodney Austin's all-drag queen country & western band, Jennifer Joy, Elissa Perry, Kris Kovick, Alison & Eve and more... a night of fabulous food, words & song. Don't miss! 8 pm, $5. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF.

The Cabaret: Dancing "for the women lifestyle of the 90s" — go-go dancers, variety of DJs. 8 pm-2 am, happy hour 8-9 pm. $6. Sat & Sun at 1484 Market St at 11th, SF. Info: 621-5001.

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At Freight & Salvage: Brazilian song & dance extravaganza with *Coro Hispano de San Francisco*. 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Tom Ammiano, Mark Davis & Lisa Geduldig! 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JUL 4 / S U N

Jazz & All that Art on Fillmore: Annual celebration of fine jazz, art & wine: Today & tmw on Fillmore between Jackson & Post, SF. 10 am-6 pm. Also lots of gourmet foods, arts & crafts.

Lavender Winds Kite Club holds its monthly fly at noon, on the beach across from Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: Mark or Brian (510) 797-6997.

4th of July Chill-Out at Whiptail Lizard Lounge/Alternative Dyke Space. Patio, music, women! Noon-11 pm. 4035 18th St, SF.

G Forty Plus Mtg: Ken Miller lecture, "Lawrence, We Hardly Knew Ye: Biography in the Service of Homophobia," a talk on Lawrence of Arabia. Also donations accepted for the AIDS Food Bank. Canned foods, toiletries & soups especially welcome. No perishables, please. 2-4 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Info: 552-1997.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with Danilo and *Orquestra Universal*, 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret. Final performance! See 7/1.

The Cabaret—dance party for women see 7/3.

Justin Bond, SF's drag darling, star of the hit cabaret show, "Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living" and late of "Pageant" does a special 4th of July show at Josie's Cabaret. Kenny Mellman on piano. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

4th of July Celebration at Cafe Du Nord: See two off-the-wall cabaret acts—country western with the gender bending trio *Mini Pearl Necklace* (Rodney O'Neil Austin, Christine Green & Eric Schultz), plus the new burlesque trio *Burlap & Pearl and Kitty Too!* 10 pm, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

JUL 5 / M O N

Jazz & All that Art: Festival on Fillmore, see 7/4. Final day!

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, today & 7/12 at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. For time & other info call Pierre 648-6332.

Gay Spirituality Discussion Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm at The Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Topic: Dating & Relationships. Group focuses on shared personal experiences by men from all spiritual/religious traditions. Info: 552-2909.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

"Frank Olivier: Inside Out," a flight from his inner child, thru July 3. See OnStage.

"Art Girl City" with Dee Russell, July 9 at Red Dora's and July 10 at E Space. Calendar has details.

JUL 6 / T U E

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets today & 7/13 for food, drink & conversation at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! For time & other info call Betsy (510) 548-7441.

"Shamanism & Self-Healing," Sheila Alich introduces her wkshop on shamanic healing practices from Native American, Middle Eastern & Nordic traditions. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis keep you laughing at Josie's Cabaret. Hit duo team up tonight, then Thurs-Sun 7/8-11 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on Fri 7/9. Tix $10. 3543 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Women's Country Western Dance in the Eastbay, tonight & 7/13. 8:30 pm. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Lavender Lounge "USO Show" celebrates all the brave men & women who have served in US armed forces. Show features an interview with Lt Zoe Dunning about her navy career and her views on lifting the military ban against gays & lesbians. Also performances by pop recording artist Tony George, tap-dancing diva Matthew Martin, Miss Ann Drogynous and the camp drag trio *Acid Housewife* with their debut send-up of RuPaul and their new military medley. 10 pm, SF cable channel 45.

JUL 7 / W E D

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm, tonight & 7/14. Meet other

bi women, talk & share experiences in a relaxed, informal setting. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.
Challenging White Supremacy: A wkshop for activists: Registration deadline, see 7/12.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Conscious Eating: Freedom from Food Addiction," wkshop with Carol Meer, BA, CMT. Carol is a bodyworker who uses hands-on therapy for recovering persons. Wkshop explores various forms of help available for compulsive overeaters. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
"Among My Wigs," gay comic Mark Davis returns to Josie's with his hilarious, hit solo piece for one night only! 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At Freight & Salvage: Susan Herrick & Nancy Vogl in concert! 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
Indian gypsy dance & music with *Bunjarang* (Gypsy-Color-Jam) at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd SF. 8:30 pm tonight & 7/14. $6 at door. Info: 641-0235.

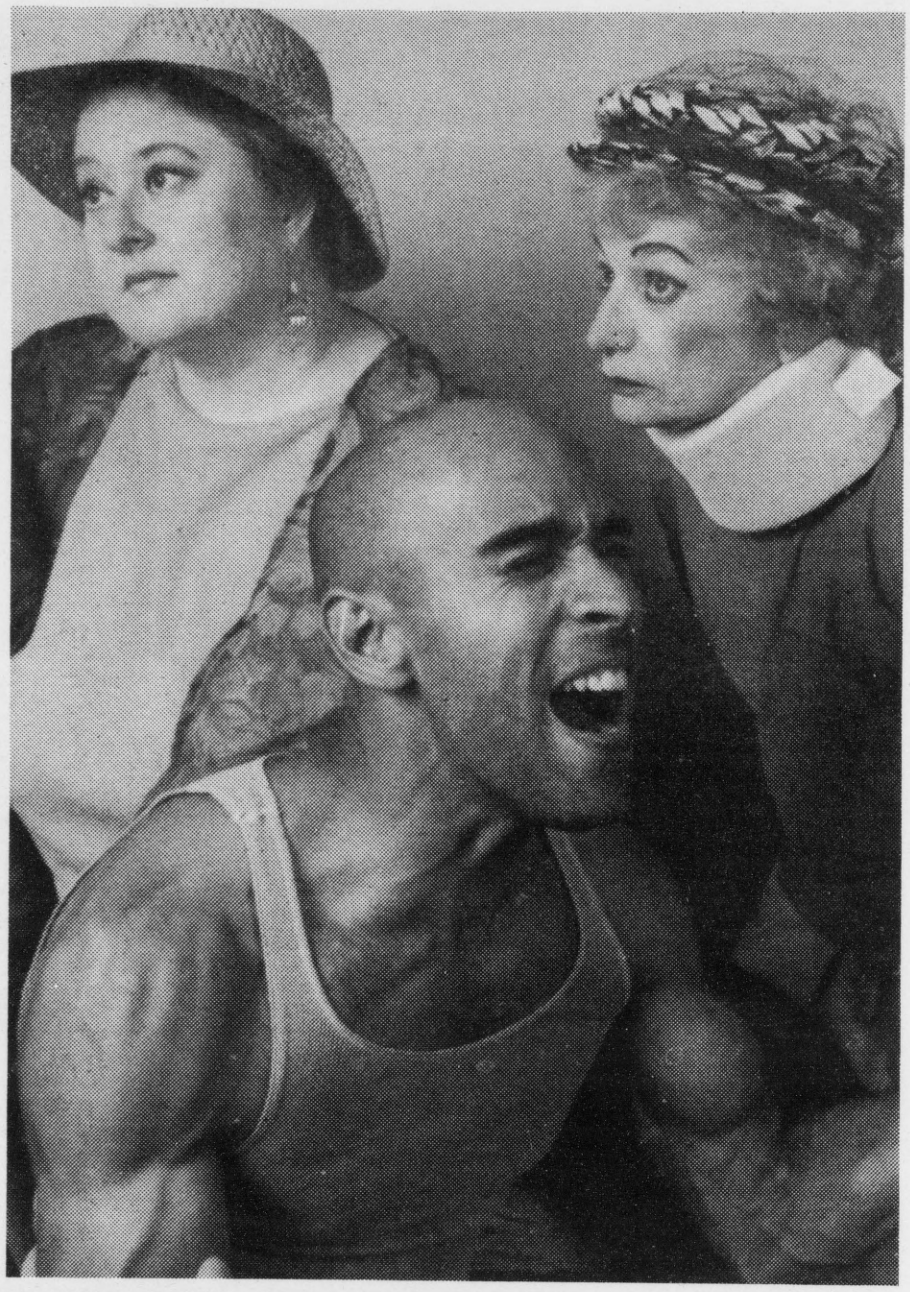
JUL 8 / T H U

Men & Masculinity Conference: 18th national men's movement pro-feminist, gay-affirmative conference meets today thru 7/11 at SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Theme: Building Bridges for a Multicultural Men's Movement. Four days of panel discussions, workshops, seminars, demonstrations and cultural events. Spons by NOMAS (Nat'l Organization for Men Against Sexism). SL fee: $39-95, based on income. Pre-reg encouraged. Info: (602) 577-7234.
Learn to Play Bridge! Quicktrick's, America's only lesbian & gay accredited bridge club teaches you how, in 8-wk series for beginners (you can start anytime). Call 641-4355 for details.
Rainbow's End support group for queer youth spons by Spectrum, see 7/1.
Clinic Defense Training: Fight Operation Rescue! See 7/3 listing.
At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Author Elizabeth Pincus reads from her latest Nell Fury mystery, *The Solitary Twist*. 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
New Horizons Social/Support Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual adults ages 21-29 meets tonight, see 7/1.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Phyllis Burke discusses *Family Values: Two Moms & Their Son*, her book on politics, parenting & adoption. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4676.
At Freight & Salvage: *City Folk* celebrate the release of their new album! 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's—see 7/6.

Upstart Stage presents "Golf with Alan Shepard" thru Aug 4. See OnStage for info. Photo by Lana Myler

JUL 9 / F R I

Operation Rescue mounts their national anti-abortion campaign today thru 7/18, see 7/3 listing for details on ways to oppose this attempt to stop women's right to abortion.
Opening to Intimacy: wkend for lesbian singles and couples, facilitated by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks. Info/reg: 572-1999.
IMA Summer Session I: Studio Recording Workshop with June Millington (studio recording/album production) and Catherine Carhart (computers & recording). 7/9-12, $400. IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.
Sister Drum On: Women's Gathering of Drumming & Stiltwalking for Life—tonight thru tomorrow night at Bort Meadow, a secluded meadow in beautiful Anthony Chabot Park, Oakland. Wheelchair Accessible. Wkshops led by Carolyn Brandy, Barbara Borden, Jackeline Rago, Susu Pampanin, Terry Sendgraff, Renaye "Cadenza" Brown and Mabiba Baegne. All drumming levels are welcome. Also drumming workshops for kids and maskmaking with Sharon Siskin. Men & children are welcome at workshops; overnight camping available for women & children only. Gathering Pass (includes camping) $75-100 SL fee, tix for individual workshops or Saturday passes are available thru Scarlet Letter Productions (510) 883-1650. Partial proceeds benefit WORLD, an organization by, for and about women facing HIV/AIDS.
Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Family Camp: See Parents & Kidsbox for details. Spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns.
Entree tonight! Join 7 lesbians for succulent feasting and sparkling conversation in San Francisco. Space limited. Info/res: 703-7142.
Women's Country Western Class & Dance—see 7/2.
Kamala's Animation Experience: An eclectic program of animated short films featuring the world premiere of the Operation Rescue parody, *Light to Rife*, Timothy Lee Hittle's *The Potato Hunter* and the Warner Bros. classic, *One Froggy Evening*. Showtimes: 7:30 & 10 pm, tonight & tmw. Tix $8. Proceeds help defray the medical expenses of Kamala Norton, a German shepherd shot by an SF police officer. Bindlestiff Theatre, 185 6th St at Howard, SF. Info/donations: 641-4456.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Introduction to the Enneagram" wkshop with Stephen Gross, MA, MFCC. Learn about this 2000 yr old system describing 9 basic personality types. It can be used to transcend personal blocks and deepen your sense of being & presence. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
Gwen Avery in Concert at Mama Bears. Rhythm & blues, scat, gospel. Hear selections from her newly-released tape, *Live at IMA*, produced by June Millington. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
No Fear, No Die: Final screening of this work by the acclaimed African-French filmmaker Claire Denis (*Chocolat*). Film fluidly constructs an initmate & existential drama about the unrealized dreams of two Black men, one from Africa & the other from the Caribbean, who decide to make some quick cash by setting up a cockfighting operation in a sleazy resaurant near Paris. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. Showtime & tix info: 863-1087.



"Keith Haring's My Idol," a repertory presentation of the work of legendary NY playwright Larry Myers, at the Marsh thru July 25.

The Ultras, *The Extruders* and *Fantastic Life* in a megalo-rock benefit for HEAR (Hearing Education & Awareness for Rockers). 10 pm, $5. Bottom of the Hill, 1233 17th St, SF.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," presented by Ache & La Pena. Special performance of this "comic call to arms blending humor with righteous indignation," a reflection on Black queer life. 8 pm, $10. Partial proceeds benefit Ache, a project for lesbians of African descent. La Pena Cultural Center, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 849-2568. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/6.
Art Girl City with Dee Russell: Dee returns to the stage with an arts extravaganza incorporating established skits, award-winning video, audience interaction, anti-fashion tips and her all-new work in progress, "Art Girl City," a raw urban social art document exposing the funky underbell of the SF arts scene. Schedule: 7/9 at Red Dora's Bearded Lady, 485 14th St at Guerrero, 8:30 pm, $5. 7/10 at E'Space, 520 Hayes St, 8-11 pm, $4.
At Freight & Salvage: "Susan's Room," with Susan Streitwieser. 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
Bi Women's Night Out Dancing at the Brick, 1190 Folsom St bwn 7th & 8th, SF. Meet inside the door at 10 pm. Info: Ingrid 775-2620.

JUL 10 / S A T

Yard Sale/Fundraiser spons by Unity In Sobriety: Kick-off event for the 1994 Eastbay Conference spons by Gay & Lesbian members of AA. Today & tmw, 9:30 am-4 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley. Donations are still being accepted, call Reginna (510) 601-1910 or Susan (510) 533-6952.
Audubon Canyon Ranch/Bolinas Lagoon Birdwatching Hike with SF Hiking Club: Moderate 6 mile hike with 1700 ft elevation gain. Hike down Bourne Trail to ACR headquarters & museum, visit overlook above nesting area for egrets and other shore birds, return to cars via North Loop and Bourne. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, sweater or windbreaker. Cost per car $10, to be shared by passengers. Meet 9:30 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF or at 10:45 am at the junction of West Ridge Blvd & Bolinas-Fairfax Road in western Marin County. Info: 285-1260 BEFORE 10 pm.
Sister Drum On: Women's Gathering—see 7/9.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "The Sacred Self-Portrait: Art as a Spiritual Tool," wkshop with Mary Karlton, artist and certified hypnotherapist. Learn how to use meditation and visualization to call forth your personal soul images. No art experience necessary. Materials will be provided, but you should bring clippings, supplies, photo, poems, etc that are meaningful to you. 10 am-2 pm, $25. Pre-reg required, call 924-8970 for info. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur.
Report Back from the Berlin AIDS Conference: An alternative perspective, spons by the Alternative Treatments Committee of ACT UP/SF. Speakers Joan Priestley, MD; Misah Cohen, OMD; Michael Onstott of ACT UP/SF and Jarrow, nutritional products distributor. 1-5 pm, free. Davies Medical Center, Auditorium Level B, Castro & Duboce Sts, SF. Info: 292-4055 or 861-4964.
Cat Adoption Fair in front of Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. Run by Pets & Pals, a volunteer humane agency. All the cats have been spayed/neutered and have their shots. Come choose a new pal! 1-5 pm. Adoption fee. Call 863-7527 for info. 1009 Valencia St, SF.
Women Country Western Dancers Wanted! SF Fringe Riders, an all women's country western dance troupe, gives dance lessons & recruits new members from 2-4:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Come join in—SF dancing cowgirls never get the blues! Info: (510) 482-1830 or (415) 647-9470.
Annual BBQ Dinner Party with Girth & Mirth Club: 6 pm, $6. Everything provided—hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad & all the fixins', including drinks—you just come! For location/directions and other info call 824-0260.
1993 Leather Awards Ceremonies: Event honors the 24 most oustanding men, women, organizations & businesses serving the Northern California leather community. 6 pm at the Jackhammer, 290 Sanchez St, SF. Emcees: Pat Califia of *Venus Infers* magazine and Bert Herrman of *Trust* magazine. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 50/50 raffle, $5 beer and soda bust from 6-9 pm. Info: 255-4663 (leave message).
Whiptail Lizard Lounge/Alternative Dyke Space: All-day fun in the sun, followed by night of live music & comedy (starts 7 pm). Non-alcoholic beverages, music, games, fun women! Noon-11 pm. 4035 18th St, SF.
Women's Country Western dance in Mill Valley. Info/location: 383-5258 or 383-6778. See you there!
"Our Gay Legacy," the SF Gay Men's Chorus, with special guests the Boston Gay Men's Chorus and the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, at Davies Symphony Hall, Van Ness at Grove, SF. 8 pm. Tix $10-50, available at BASS, the Chorus office (863-4472), A Different Light Bookstore (489 Castro, SF) or the Davies Symphony Box Office (431-5400).
Art Girl City with Dee Russell, see 7/9.
Kamala's Animation Experience: Night of animated short films at Bindlestiff—see 7/9.
At Mama Bears: Night of laughs brought to you by stand-up comic Sara Cytron. Sara shares her memories & views of youth, the March on Washington, lesbian bed death, the politics of women's bathrooms and more. 8 pm, $8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
The Cabaret—dance party for women, see 7/3.
Nosrat & Other Dances: Five dances on themes of death, hope & love at Teatro Mision, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm. Tix $8 gen'l, $7 srs & stdnts, kids under 12 are free. Info/res: 695-6970.
At Freight & Salvage: *The Wild Hearts* (Robin Flower, Libby McLaren, Crystal Reeves) in concert. 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Gayle Marie in concert, with Jescie France & Kelly Keller. 8:30 pm, $8-11 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
Queer Jewish Comedy Night at the Tea Spot: "2 Feygeles & A Dykelah," night of laughs with Lisa Geduldig, Scott Silverman & Michael T. 9 pm, $8. Dinner served from 6-9 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.
At Komotion: "Sound, Fury & Signifying Nothing", a top-optional, cross-dress/no-dress event featuring Joie Cooke, the morbid fucking SF poet who started the Cafe Babar series; Jill St Jacques, Joshua Michele Ross & Theres Gehri's multimedia performance piece from transsexual literature; "Erosion" by Celeste Conner and the Blood Circus Puppet Show, amateur puppetry at its worst. Doors open at 9:30 pm, show starts at 10. $3-4 SL fee. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Sarah Cytron, Karen Ripley & Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $10. Don't miss! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JUL 11 / S U N

Fundraiser/Yard Sale at Pacific Center, spons by Unity in Sobriety, see 7/10. Final day!
Negatives Being Positive meet for tasty brunch and fine conversation at the Blue Muse, 409 Gough St btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. 10:30 am social hour, brunch at 11:30. Info/RSVP: Neil 255-7672. Come, bring a friend.
Sisters in Crime No Calif chapter monthly mtg (national organization promotes women mystery writers, is open to all) meets 2-4 pm at Room C-205, Ft Mason Center, SF. Program: "On Call: 911 & Beyond," members Barbara Kempster and Leila Dobscha discuss their experiences working as dispatchers for Bay Area police and fire departments. $2. Info: 664-2594.
At Eichelbergers: Quasi-Egyptian Soiree—A delicious afternoon of great food and live entertainment, including cameo performances by cabaret artist Lisa Gray, jazz cat Dred Scott and vocalist Deb Pardes. 3-6 pm, $15 & up. Proceeds benefit dance companies Juntos Dance & Squad. 2742 17th St, SF. Reservations strongly encouraged, call 292-7653.
At Mama Bears: Bookparty for Ellen Lewin, author of *Lesbian Mothers: Accounts of Gender in American Culture*. 3 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
6th Annual Leather Auction & Beer/Soda Bust: Spons by the Castro Lions Club. 3-6 pm beer/soda bust, auction begins at 4 pm. SF Eagle patio. All proceeds benefit charity. Donations of leatherwear & gear are welcome (tax deductible). Info: Tom Rodgers 861-0516.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with Sal Nunez and *Grupo Inspiracion*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
At Modern Times Bookstore: "Mastering Your Messaging: An E-Mail Tutorial," with Eric Theise. The Matrix—those interconnected computer networks that span the globe—is held together by electronic mail. E-mail has changed the way people work & play by dashing geographical, bureaucratic & social boundaries. Come get a detailed tutorial on mail programs commonly found on Internet computers. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.
931 Cloggers Fundraiser at Selections, 1984 Oakland Road, San Jose. Includes raffle prizes and an egg-dancing contest! Plus special performances by 931 Cloggers, Barbary Coast Cloggers and Midnight Stryderz. Info: Jaci (510) 481-5101.
Nosrat & Other Dances at Teatro Mision, see 7/10. Final performance!
The Cabaret—dance party for women, see 7/3.
Margaret Cho & Mark Davis: Hilarious comedy at Josie's, see 7/6.
At Freight & Salvage: Talented new singer/songwriters Deborah Levoy and Rob Laurens in concert. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

JUL 12 / MON

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 7/5.
Challenging White Supremacy: A Wkshop for Activists. Facilitated by Sharon Martinas, a white anti-racist activist. Spons by Open Forum: A School of Collective Learning. Special theme: Redefining War Crimes & War Resisters. Meets Mondays, 7-9:30 pm, tonight thru 8/16. SF location. The wkshop is free. $40 per person covers the cost of reading materials and room rental. Collective arrangements will be worked out for those who cannot afford to pay this much. Please register by 7/7. Info: 552-0389.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Infor/res: 861-7933.

JUL 13 / T U E

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation, see 7/6 listing for details.
Intro to the Mystery School: Norma Tringali introduces & explains the Amron Mystery School. New beginners' class starts on 7/29. 5 pm. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Free. Info: 775-0227.

New Personal Growth Techniques: Brian West presents neuro-reprogramming techniques for removal of anger & blockages to success. 7 pm. Amrom Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Yoga & Kabbalah/Jewish Mysticism & Movement: 4-session class taught by Marian Klotz, MA & yoga therapist. Explore the principles of hatha yoga in connection with Jewish mystical teachings about the body & soul. Bring a towel, wear comfortable clothes. Tues, 7/13-8/3, 7:30 pm, $30; $10 drop-in. Info/res: 346-6040. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Susan Issacs reads from her new mystery novel *After All These Years*, the story of Rosie Myers, a Long Island English teacher who trips over her husband's dead body on the way to the fridge for a post-midnight snack. *East Bay Express* book editor Michael Covino reads from his first novel, *The Negative*, the story of a world-class director, a mobster's son and a film negative. SF writer Brian Bouldrey reads from *The Genius of Desire*, his novel on growing up gay in a Catholic family. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave (btwn Turk & Golden Gate), SF. Info: 441-6670.

Michael Kearns' presents "Paul Capsis & A Pack of Divas," Australian performer Capsis, "the ultimate diva, an electrifying performer & superb actor who can bring to life any red-hot mama you'd care to name," impersonates Janis Joplin, Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Shirley Bassey, Prince & Michael Jackson in a gender-crossing, outrageous show at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm tonight & 10 pm on 7/16. Tix $10. 3543 18th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Women's Country Western Dance in the Eastbay, see 7/6.

JUL 14 / WED

NY artist Sue Williams discusses her work in a free gallery talk at noon at SF Art Institute. Talk presented in conjunction with an exhibit of Williams' paintings, drawings and sculpture, on exhibit at SFAI thru 8/14. Williams discusses her use of the female body as a sexual icon to direct a strong barb against men's abusive attitude toward women. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 749-4588.

Project Share monthly informational gathering for Oakland and Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home. 2:30 pm, 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-9030.

At Tea Spot Cafe Poets & Writers Salon: "Island Girls," an exploration of cultural memory from the Pacific Rim, with Carolyn Lau & Catalina Cariaga reading from their works. Open mike sign-up and dinner begin at 6 pm, open mike starts at 6:30, readers at 7:30. Discussion follows. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm tonight & 7/28 at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets, see 7/7.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "How to Spice Up Your Abstinence," wkshop with D Stork Rein, chef & founder of A State of Grace (provides guidance for those seeking to change their relationship with food). Learn how to set up your kitchen efficiently; enrich & simplify your process of cooking & enjoying nourishing meals (even with considerable dietary restrictions). 7:30 pm. Info: 924-8970. $5. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Doug Dowd discusses his new book, *US Capitalist Development Since 1776: Of, By & For Which People?* 7:30 pm. Free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

NY lesbian comic Sarah Cytron in "Take My Significant Other—Please!" Brooklyn-accented Cytron shares her queer memories (from being a young butch shopping with mama, to an activist at the March on Washington), commentary (the politics of women's bathrooms, the drama of lesbian bed death) and her dream of becoming the first lesbian president. Sharp & funny comedy at Josie's Cabaret, Wed-Sun thru 7/18. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Freight & Salvage: Emerging folk poet Chuck Brodsky. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Gypsy dance & music at the Marsh, see 7/7.

JUL 15 / THU

Learn to Play Bridge! With Quictricks, America's only lesbian & gay accredited bridge club. Club offers 8-wk beginners' series (you can start anytime). For details call 641-4355.

Rainbow's End: Support group for queer & questioning youth spons by Spectrum, see 7/1.

New Horizons Group for queer adults ages 21-29 meets tonight, see 7/1.

At Freight & Salvage: Vocalists Kim Scanlon & Cyd Smith, with Nina Gerber. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

parents & kids box

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs, call 554-9600 for program info. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

Non-Biological Moms to Be Group: See the "Parenting & Family Resources" section of the Resource Guide for details.

Pregnant Now Group for lesbians, singles/couples, who are now pregnant. See "Parenting & Family Resources" section of the Resource Guide.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Annual Summer Camp will be held in August. For more info on this event call 457-1115. Newcomers welcome! Spons by Spectrum.

Children's Story Hour at Modern Times Bookstore: 7/31 at 3 pm. Tio Carlos/Uncle Peace (Carlos Ramirez), Bay Area singer/storyteller explores the magical world of children's fairytales, modern fictions & songs from Venezuela, South Africa & New York's Lower East Side. 968 Valencia St, SF.

Kids Summer Cultural Camp spons by Spirit Theatre Dance Studio for ages 5-12. African dance, drama, mask-making, self-defense, percussion, storytelling. Program designed to introduce children of all ethnic & cultural backgrounds to the joy of dance, music, movement, art & creativity. All sessions taught by professional performers with experience teaching kids. Schedule: Session C, 7/5-9; Session D, 7/12-16; Session E, 7/18-23; Session F, 7/26-30. Each session costs $90. Info/res: (510) 849-3232.

Summer Classes for youth, teens and adults, offered by the Sharon Art Studio (part of SF Recreation & Parks Dept). Ceramics, drawing & painting, basic drawing, Chinese brush painting, jewelry, leaded glass, glass fusing, watercolor. Info/free brochure: 753-7006/04.

Community Music Center offers a large variety of classes for children & adults. Sl fee. Registration 7/2, 3-7 pm and 7/3, 10 am-1 pm. Classes held in two locations: 544 Capp St, SF and 741 30th Ave, SF. For more info call 647-6015.

Green Stuff! Day Camp spons by University of California Botanical Garden. Week-long programs on the wide world of plants, offered for kids ages 5-11 years of age. 1st & 3rd sessions (7/12-16 & 8/2-6) are for 5-7 year olds, from 9 am-2 pm. The 2nd & 4th sessions (7/19-23 & 8/9-13) are for 8-11 year olds, from 9 am-3 pm. $100 per child, per session. To register send check payable to "UC Regents" to Education Dept, UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley 94720, attn: Green Stuff! or call Nancy Swearengen at (510) 642-3352.

New Children's Theatre Program offered in SF, by Artfull Circle Theatre. "The Artfull Dodgers" program emphasizes performance, but also includes coaching in the theatre arts. Children of all ages, with any level of experience (including beginners) are welcome! Program helps kids have fun, build confidence & enrich their lives. For program brochure & other info write Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, SF 94112, attn Children's Program, or call 621-7305.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Arneson & Politics: A Commemorative Exhibition," thru 8/15. "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, thru 8/22. "Viewpoints XXI: Politics & Populism: 20th Century Mexican Prints & Drawings from the Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/12. "Xochitl in Cuicat/Flower Song: Ten Nahuatl Poems from 16th Century Chronicles with Monoprints by Gustavo Ramos Rivera," exhibit on view thru 9/12. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit of Art Nouveau style clothing; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, thru 7/25. "Thresholds & Enclosures: TV as Sculpture," featuring the work of 6 American artists; thru 7/11. "General Idea's Fin de Siecle." This exhibit by General Idea comprises work made since 1987 that takes the AIDS crisis as its central allegory; exhibit runs 7/22-9/5; 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; thru 9/19. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; thru 9/19. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Mexican Museum: "Visiones del Pueblo: The Folk Art of Latin America," over 250 folk art objects from 17 Latin American countries, on exhibit thru 7/25. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 441-0404.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. Ansel Adams Port- folio IV," thru 9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," thru 8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: Group exhibit—sculpture by Todd Campbell, paintings by Victor Antonetti & Bob Bruman. Exhibit runs thru July. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Architects & Heroes: Silkscreens by Mark Oberlin on exhibit thru 7/25. 2239 Fillmore St, SF.

Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), thru 9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Bomani Gallery: "Source, Continuum & Reflections," sculptural works by Ampofo-Anti, paintings by Wosene Kosrof, Arthur Carraway & Woodrow Johnson. 251 Post St, SF. Thru 7/24. Info: 296-8677.

Circle Gallery of Animation & Cartoon Art: "Peanuts," an animation art trunk show, the most extensive collection of "Peanuts" production cels ever assembled under one roof. Exhibit runs thru 7/7. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun-Tues, 10 am-10 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 781-5464.

Eye Gallery: "Queerly Defined," exhibit of "photographically-based work organized around issues of the queer body." Thru 7/8. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Thurs. Info: 431-6911.

Gallery on the Rim: "Paintings by Dodson," on exhibit thru 7/12. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

John Pence Gallery: "Introductions '93", paintings by Kristen Harber, Kyle Stevens and June Stratton; on exhibit thru 7/31. Opening reception 7/8, 6-8 pm. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

The Luggage Store Gallery: "Let's Find Out About Tools," a mixed media installation with film on gender bias, by Stephanie Cress, Josie Iselin & Kathryn Weinstein; on exhibit thru 7/3. 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Meiji Portraits: Japan, 1860s-1870s," and "Hiroh Kikai: Ecce Homo" on exhibit thru 7/3. "Introductions 1993," and "Lynne Cohen: Lost & Found," on exhibit 7/8-8/28. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Mythologies," an exhibit of works by Brian Conery, Marc Henrich, Sarah Puckitt & Robynn Smith, visual artists exploring personal myths & icons. Thru 7/17. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "Hypothalamic In[Queer]ies, curated by Robert Kelley; "Tit for Twat: Madam & Eve in the Garden," by Kaucyila Brooke; on exhibit thru 7/17. Related Event: July 8 at 8 pm, $5 & $7: Gay(la) Performance Event with Rodney O'Neal Austin, Arnold J Kemp & Philip Horvitz at SF Camerawork. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Gertrude Parker: A Lightness in Being," exhibit of sculpture made out of gut (hog or beef intestines) with wire; 7/3-8/29, opening reception 7/6, 5-7 pm. "From the Heart of Ogun: Steel Drum Sculptures of Haiti," exhibit of metal sculpture made by Haitian artists using recycled steel drums; 7/3-8/29, opening reception 7/6, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute: "Queer Mysteries," work by David Cannon Dashiell, 1993 Adaline Kent Award-winner, on exhibit thru 7/3. "Sue Williams: Recent Work," paintings dealing with domestic dysfunction, eating disorders, obsessive behavior & the violent psychological & sexual abuse of women, on exhibit 7/15-8/14; reception 7/14, 5:30-7:30 pm; artist's talk 7/14 at noon. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

SF Public Library: "Prejudice & Pride: Selections from the Gay & Lesbian Center," exhibit from the special collections of the new Main Library. SF Public Library is the first public library in the world to create a permanent research center devoted to the documentation of gay & lesbian culture. This exhibit highlights some of the materials which will be housed there when the library opens in early 1996; and features continuous screening of various lesbian & gay filmworks. Exhibit runs thru 7/31 in Phelan Hall, SF Main Library, 3rd floor, Civic Center, SF. Info: Jim Van Buskirk 557-4566.

Vision Gallery: On exhibit thru 7/15: "Re-Arrangements," works by Debra Heimerdinger; "Witnesss of Time," a platinum/palladium portfolio by Flor Garduno; "The Spirit of Structure," works by Tillman Crane. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: Paintings & drawings by David Palmer on exhibit thru 7/3. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

MACE Space for Art: Solo exhibit by Pamela Lanza, thru 7/24. Xerography & photo etching, with painting & drawing. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Morphos Gallery: "Emilie Clark: Recent Work," paintings & monotypes on exhibit thru 7/21. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Kate Connell: Loss of Limb," a multimedia installation exploring physicality; and "Scott Braley: The Homeless Photography Project," selection of works resulting from a continuing project teaching photography to the homeless; "Drawings by Barry Simons"; 7/7-8/21; reception 7/8, 8-7 pm; poetry reading by Simons at 8 pm. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "TV Times: The World thru the Box," work by several artists, urging the viewers to question the role of television in their lives. Exhibit runs thru 7/11. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ARU Gallery: "Q Art," exhibit of the work of gay artists; also "Crossing the Line: An Exhibition of Gender Transgressions," photo exhibit curated by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society. Shows Bay Area photographers' work dealing with cross-dressing & stylized gender roles. Includes work by Mariette Pathy Allen, Steven Baratz, Alicia Brite, Phyllis Christopher, Honey Lee Cottrell, Greg Day, Austin Newsom, Daniel Nicoletta, Freddy Niem, Jill Posener, Miguel Ronquillo & Michael Rosen. Thru 7/17. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

Manuelita's Gallery & Antiques: Works by Mark Mulleian. Thru 7/30. 3109 Fillmore St, SF. Ste 210. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 1-5 pm. Info: 923-0822.

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Studio Exhibit," of works by disabled artists; thru 7/31. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Work by Carrie Mae Weems on exhibit thru 7/31. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

"Clay Forms," by Matthew Zachary and **"Photographic Studies"** by Gerry Traucht, on exhibit at Christensen Heller Gallery, 5831 College Ave, Oakland, thru 7/3.

John LeFlore: Paintings & drawings on exhibit at Suzanne's Muffins, 564 Castro St, SF; thru 7/11, and at the Cheap Italian Cafe, 1854 Divisadero St, SF, thru 7/12.

Mixed Medium Works by artists with AIDS. Show spons by EACH (Early Advocacy & Care of HIV) Program and Continuum HIV Day Services. Abstracts, collages, icons, nudes, scenery and still lifes on wood, acrylics, oils, watercolors, tapestry, ceramic & mixed media. Thru August. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210.

"Metal," exhibit of works by Genevieve Barnhart, Renee Frances Brown, Ron Megorden & Jeff Thomas. thru 7/11. Quicksilver Mine Co, 14028 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357.

"March on Washington" photo exhibit by Steve Thompson. On exhibit thru 7/6 at the Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St, SF. Info: (415) 552-6102 or (510) 827-3467.

"Scapes," new watermedia interior & exterior landscapes by Eileen Blodgett, on exhibit thru 9/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Gallery, 25 Van Ness Ave. Info: 861-8972.

"Lesbian, Gay, Bi Pride," exhibit of works by over 30 artists, thru July at Bearded Lady Cafe & Gallery, 485 14th St, SF. Info: 626-2805.

"Breaking the Silence," art exhibit and workshops about and for survivors of child sexual abuse. Art exhibit composed of collection of masks, paintings & sculpture by artist/survivor Katheryn Trenshaw. Ms Trenshaw also gives slideshow & lecture series & a series of interactive mask-making workshops. For info/res call Kim Lau 431-1180. SF Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

"Caca at Kiki," a multimedia group show of scatological expression. Works by 12 artists working in mediums ranging from oils to video explore "caca" as both function & metaphor. Thru 7/4 at Kiki Gallery, 483 14th St, SF. Info: 863-5454.

"Under the Freeway," group

"Photographers of Marin," group show by the Marin Assoc of Professional Photographers and the Center for Global Spirituality. On exhibit thru 7/26. 1610 Tiburon Blvd, Tiburon. Info: 435-6407.

photography show with the theme of SF's post-earthquake freeway demolition. Runs thru 7/28 at E'Space Gallery, 520 Hayes St, SF. Info: 861-4657.

"Perspectives on Self," group photography show of work by young photographers exploring issues of identity thru self portraiture. On exhibit at Eichelberger's, 2742 17th St, SF. Info: 863-4177.

"More About Buildings & People," work by Michael Kohnke, Fedele Pacelli, Nadaray Howard & Scott Arford; on exhibit thru 7/29 at Art Attack Gallery,

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Beat conceived & directed by Anthony St Martin. Beat celebrates SF's Beat Generation thru the prose & poetry of the era's most prolific & innovative writers—Gregory Corso, Diane diPrima, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Michael McClure, Gary Snyder and Bob Kaufman; accompanied by the moody jazz of such luminaries as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk & Anita O'Day. North Beach Rep Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 7/11 at North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, SF. Tix $12-15. Stdnt & sr discounts available. Info/res: 928-4860.

Queen of Angels by Carroll Pickett. This wildly imaginative comedy, subtitled, "A Tragical Comedy or Comical Tragedy, Full of Intrigue & Plenty of Dancing, Angry Scenes! Deceptions! Songs! and Arousals of Love! Demons That Fly Across the Stage, with a Chorus of Naked Queers," is set inside a carnival tent and showcases the demented memory & dreams of one Max, a poet. Ponderhill production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/3, matinee performance on 7/3 at 3 pm. For tix & other info/res call 861-5079. Theatre Rhino Mainstage, 2926 16th St, SF.

The Substance of Fire by Jon Robin Baitz. Critically acclaimed off-Broadway hit is a passionate drama about a fiercely intellectual & venemously witty NY publisher & Holocaust survivor whose refusal to compromise his high standards has brought the family business to the brink of financial ruin, creating a seemingly insurmountable rift between him and his three grown children. Magic Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 7/11 (no 7/4 performance). Tix $12 stdnts/ srs, $17-21 regular performances. Magic Theatre/Northside, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Lie of the Mind by Sam Shepard. Two emotionally damaged lovers, drowning in a violent relationship, continue to reach out for each other in Shepard's incisive exploration of the disintegration of the American family. Play runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/10, $14. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Whatever Happened Between Bette & Joan? by Garrett & Colin Riley. Nonstop comic tour-de-force, this "prequel" to "Whatever Happened to BB Jane" has Bette Davis & Joan Crawford arriving at the studio to rehearse the most famous catfight in history. Blanche Hudson production. Play runs Tues-Sun thru 7/18, no performance on Thursdays or 7/14. Tues & Wed at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 11 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $15. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St (btwn Laguna & Octavia), SF. Tix $13 Thurs/Sun, $15 Fri/Sat. Info/res: 626-7403 or BASS.

Michael Kearns presents Australian diva "Paul Capsis and a Pack of Divas," July 13 & 16 at Josie's Cabaret. Calendar has info.

Hello, Dolly! Lamplighters Music Theatre production of the Broadway treasure runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm thru 8/1. No performance July 4th wkend. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Tix $24. Info/res: 752-7755.

The Exorcist: A Dance Macabre, conceptual horror-comedy laced with modern dance, presented by the Sick & Twisted Players. Fri & Sat thru 7/3 at Bernice Street Playhouse, 21 Bernice St at 12th, SF. Linda Blair Look-Alike Contest held every night! $10. Info/res: 863-5946. 9 pm.

Fire in the Rain...Singer in the Storm play is the life story of singer Holly Near, set to music. Written by Holly Near and her sister Timothy Near. Play runs thru 8/1 at Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St, SF. Tix $25 previews, $28-34 regular performances. Performances Wed & Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun eves at 7:30 pm, matinees Sat & Sun at 2 pm. Info/res: 346-7805.

Issue of Blood a new viral opera in progress, by Animal J Smith. Play based on the experience of Wayne Bruce Lee, an HIV-positive tattoo artist who allegedly splattered his blood on four SF police officers during a botched suicide attempt in Sept of 1992, and was subsequently jailed & charged with 4 counts of attempted murder based on his HIV status. He spent 4 months in jail. Play in wkshop performances 7/2-3 at The Lennon Studios, 271 Dore Alley (Bryant btwn 9th & 10th Sts), South of Market, SF. 9:30 pm, $5 gen'l, people with AIDS are free. Audience is encouraged to remain after the performance to discuss & respond to the work. Info/res: 561-1441.

Not Without My Nipples! A made-for-TV musical by the creators of The Real Live Brady Bunch. Comedy-musical hostage drama about a summer retreat, a tacky awards ceremony, a made-for-TV-movie and a salad. Victoria Theatre presentation. Open-ended run. Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 7 & 9:30 pm. Tix $10-15. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St near BART, SF. Info/res: 863-7576.

"Frank Olivier: Inside Out," new vaudevillan Frank Olivier struggles to hide from his inner child at Julia Morgan Theatre. Show is a blend of virtuosic juggling & thought-provoking personal insight. Wed-Sat thru 7/3. Tix $10-12. 2640 College St, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

My Night With Tennessee by Sky Gilbert, author of "Drag Queens in Outer Space". Theatre Rhino & Buddies in Bad Times Theatre production. Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm thru 7/3. Tix $10-12. Studio Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Why We Have A Body by Claire Chafee. Chafee's hit play, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships (including an affair between a married woman and a lesbian private investigator) has been extended for a third time. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 7/18 (no performance on 7/4). Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Third floor. Tix $17-23 gen'l, srs & stdnts $12. Info/res: 441-8822.

An Enemy of the People by Henrik Ibsen, adapted by Arthur Miller. One man stands alone against greed & corruption in a small resort community. Harvest Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 7/9-31. Preview on 7/8 at 8 pm. Ehrer Theatre, 225 Geneva Ave, SF. Nr Balboa Park BART. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. Thurs performances are "pay as you can". Info/res: 586-9556.

Jubilee by Cole Porter. Part of 42nd Street Moon's musical series, "Rediscovering the Lost Musical," which features lesser-known works by 20th century composers & writers. Runs Thurs & Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 6 & 9 pm, 7/8-11. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Tix $12.50. Info/res: 861-8972.

Josh Korbluth: Work-in-Progress at The Marsh. Korbluth, master of improv & monology, continues to improvise and develop his fifth monologue. Saturdays in July at 10:30 pm. Tix $7. 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Golf With Alan Shepherd by Carter W Lewis. Witty comedy about mysterious forces at work on a public golf course in Ohio. Upstart Stage production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 7/8-8/1. New Conservatory Theater, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $15 Thurs & Sun matinees, $17.50 Fri & Sat eves. $25 opening night (includes post-performance reception). Info/res: 861-8972.

Reassurance: Three whimsical short stories by author Allan Gurganus, adapted for the stage by Actors Theatre of SF. Tix $14 & $16. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/24. Sun performances at 2 pm on 7/11 & 18. Previews at 8 pm on 7/7 & 8. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Offshore, SF Mime Troupe presents the new play for its 31st summer season of free plays in parks. "Offshore" is set in the very near future. The US & Japan are locked in a trade dispute—the US threatens prohibitive tariffs on Japanese semiconductors unless Japan allows imports of American rice—which industry will become a sacrifice to global economy? Play runs in various SF & Eastbay parks throughout the summer. For showtimes & other info call 285-1717.

Keith Haring's My Idol. Repertory presentation of the plays of Larry Myers, one of downtown New York's most enigmatic & prolific playwrights. Features several works that have developed cult-like followings in NY, including "Tarantulas Dancing," "Small Town Girls with Big Problems," "Queen of the Hot Room", "White Boys Can't Rap," and "X-mas A Go-Go." The Marsh & RWM Playwrights Lab production. Runs Thurs-Sun, 7/1-25 at 8:30 pm (no performance on 7/4). Tix $7-10 SL fee on Thurs, $8 Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. $10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235. 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern. Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United

Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Chris Philips performs in "Reassurance" with Dolores Laughton at the Actors Theatre opening July 9. See OnStage for details.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV +, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5880 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" × 6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to

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UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.
AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.
Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.
St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.
Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.
The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.
Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.
Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

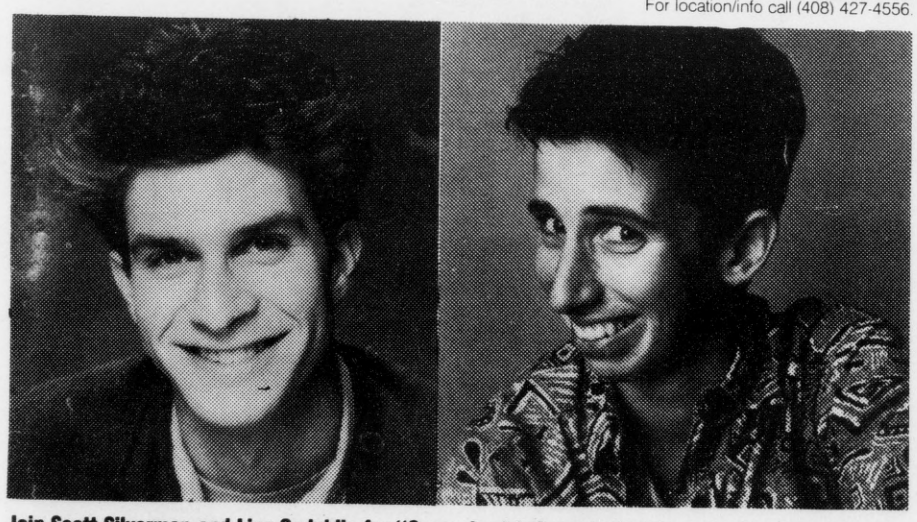
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.
Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.
DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: Loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter & other info call 485-1015 eves only.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.
Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.
Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.
Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.
Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.
Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.
Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.
Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.



Join Scott Silverman and Lisa Geduldig for "Queer Jewish Comedy Night" at the Tea Spot Cafe on July 10. Calendar has info.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Lesbians in the Military Anthology: Submissions sought for *War Stories: Lesbian Experiences in the Military*, an anthology edited by Jody Hoenninger. Lesbians who have served in the military are invited to share their stories; submit art, photos, love letters, etc that pertain to their military experience. If you were discharged for being lesbian, served from a khaki closet, or found someplace in-between, please write. All accounts of all aspects of lesbian life in the military are welcome. Confidentiality guaranteed, you may use a pen name, but please include real name in cover letter. Send SASE or iniquiries to Judy Hoenninger, PO Box 94091, Pasadena CA 91109. Deadline: August 1.
Gay & Bisexual Women & Men in the Military: Theatre Rhinoceros & the Tale Spinners Theater seek submissions for a original show to be based on the personal histories of gay & bisexual women in the military (to be produced in Theatre Rhino's Studio this fall). Play focus is on both the positive & the negative aspects/consequences of being gay & bisexual in the armed forces. Playwright Lee Jenkins welcomes contributions from gay & bisexual men & women who stayed in the service, left voluntarily, were forced out, met their lovers while serving, etc. For details call Lee Jenkins at Tale Spinners Theater 550-9104.
The Evidence of Being: Call for Interviews for nationwide oral history project consisting of a series of audio interviews & photographs which will be compiled into a book entitled *The Evidence of Being*, about Black gay lifestyles in the early part of the 20th century. Editors Essex Hemphill, cultural activist/editor (*Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*) and Ron Simmons, PhD, writer, photographer & media producer seek Black gay men 60 years of age or older to interview. Some questions: How did Black homosexual men negotiate their roles as sons, brothers, uncles & fathers? How did they relate to the larger Black community? Did religion & the church influence their lives? Was there recognition of homosexuality? Name-calling? Respect? Did the word "gay" have any meaning then? These and other questions will be asked in an effort to trace the evolving construction of Black homosexual/gay identity. If you are willing to share your stories/memories please respond in writing to: Essex Hemphill, The Evidence of Being, 401 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455 or Ron Simmons, The Evidence of Being, PO Box 48100, Washington, DC, 20002.
SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.
Out—Did You Write A Letter? SF-based production group seeks people who came out to family or significant others thru a letter. If you're interested in candidly sharing your writings & stories, please call Mary (510) 526-2471 or Maureen (415) 824-1456 or write to Outloud Television, PO Box 31520, SF 94131 for details.
Special Sex Talk Issue of *Lesbian Contradiction: A Journal of Irreverent Feminism*. *LesCon* wants to hear about your sex life—what you do, who your partners are, how you do it—and why. What does sex mean in your life—a way to get to know someone, or something you do only with someone you know well? A way to keep distance? Recreation? Fun? A struggle—because of past sexual abuse, or exhaustion or worry, disability—or the mistaken assumptions other women have about disability? Send your articles/drawings to LesCon, 584 Castro St #356, SF 94114. Deadline: 7/30.
9th Annual Film Arts Festival. Call for entries to this unique annual showcase of independent media made in Morthern California (festival takes place 11/3-7 at Roxie Cinema, SF). Independent films & videos of any length & genre by makers living in Northern Calif (Monterey to the Oregon border) are eligible. Works in 35mm, 16mm or Super-8 film, or ¾" video (½" VHS tapes are acceptable for preview) may be submitted. Festival is non-competitive, no entry fee, honoraria paid for works shown. For entry forms/info send SASE to FAF, 346 9th St, SF 94103, 2nd floor or call Lissa Gibbs of Nicole Barens 552-8760.
Queer Asian/American Writers & Performers. Mini-series of queer Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander performance & spoken word, late August, 848 Community Space. Submit material on themes of: "Bambooshoot Jungle: The Asian Penis/The Asian Clitoris" and "Swimming Past Kansas: Native/Tourist/Other." Artists, performers & writers should send a brief proposal, writing sample or tape, brief bio, SASE if you wish materials returned. Working for cut of box office. Send materials (&SASE for more detailed info) to: Lisa Asagi/Justin Chin, Art Buffalo, 250A Guerrero St., SF 94103.
Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.
Women's Night at the Elephant Walk: Every Mon night! Piano bar 8-11 pm. Corner of 18th & Castro, SF.
Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.
Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.
The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.
Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.
Quicktricks: America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information: Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives:

Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives. An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Single Adoptive Moms: Support group for lesbian women considering or in the process of adopting. Eastbay location. Info: Jan (510) 474-9985.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birth-mothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents. see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.

Non-biological Moms-to-Be Support Group: Non-facilitated. Informal group of women interested in discussion & support during insemination & pregnancy. Call Melissa 346-8714.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

African American Lesbians Group: Network of supportive friends. Info: Pam 641-0461.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage.

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Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

► POLITICAL

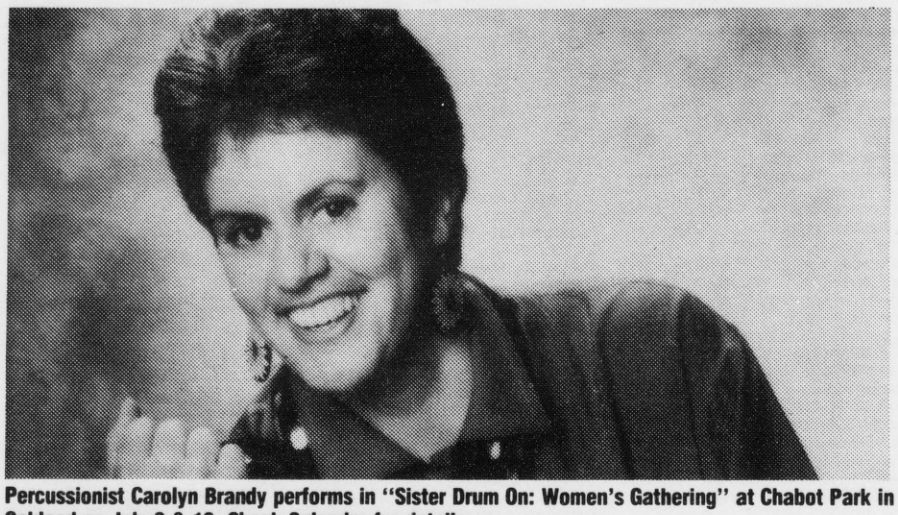
Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.



Percussionist Carolyn Brandy performs in "Sister Drum On: Women's Gathering" at Chabot Park in Oakland on July 9 & 10. Check Calendar for details. Photo by Irene Young

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital for lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7:30 pm. For info/location call 267-6195.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455. (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot/Palo meets monthly in our homes. Group welcomes all ages, singles & couples, multiracial, open to all diversity. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Melting Pot/Mountain View meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Joe 961-1296.

Melting Pot/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets. Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network.

See Holly Near's acclaimed one-woman show, "Fire in the Rain..." at Stage Door Theatre. Cal has info. Photo by Jay Thompson

Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Liz & Sharon 242-0319.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group: Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration, 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline. (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. Free. SF location. Info: Mireya 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

Spiritual Company: Spiritual growth circle meets Fri eves, 6-8 pm in SF's Castro district. Group uses meditation exercises & sharing to expand consciousness. Non-sectarian, new members welcome! Info: Mark 864-4209.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Call (415) 469-0606 for info.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

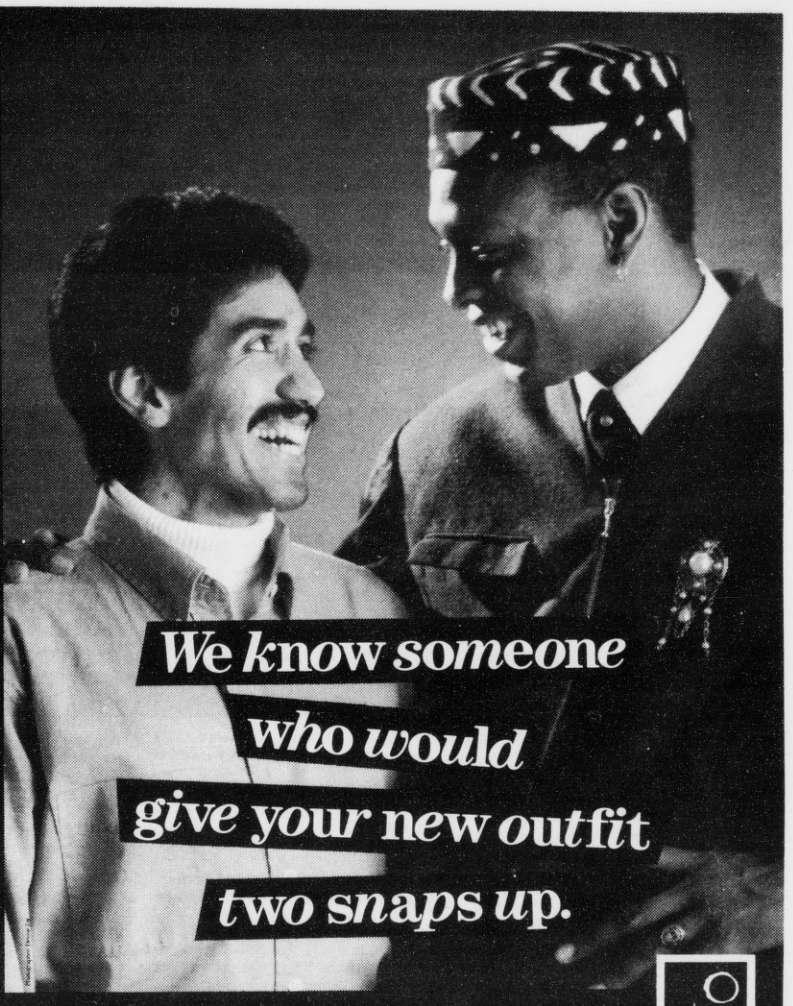
0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also



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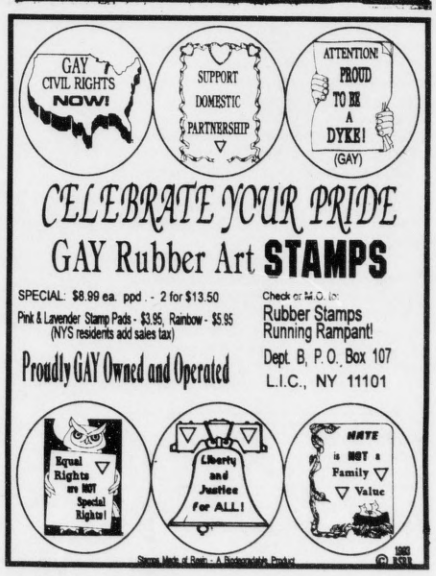
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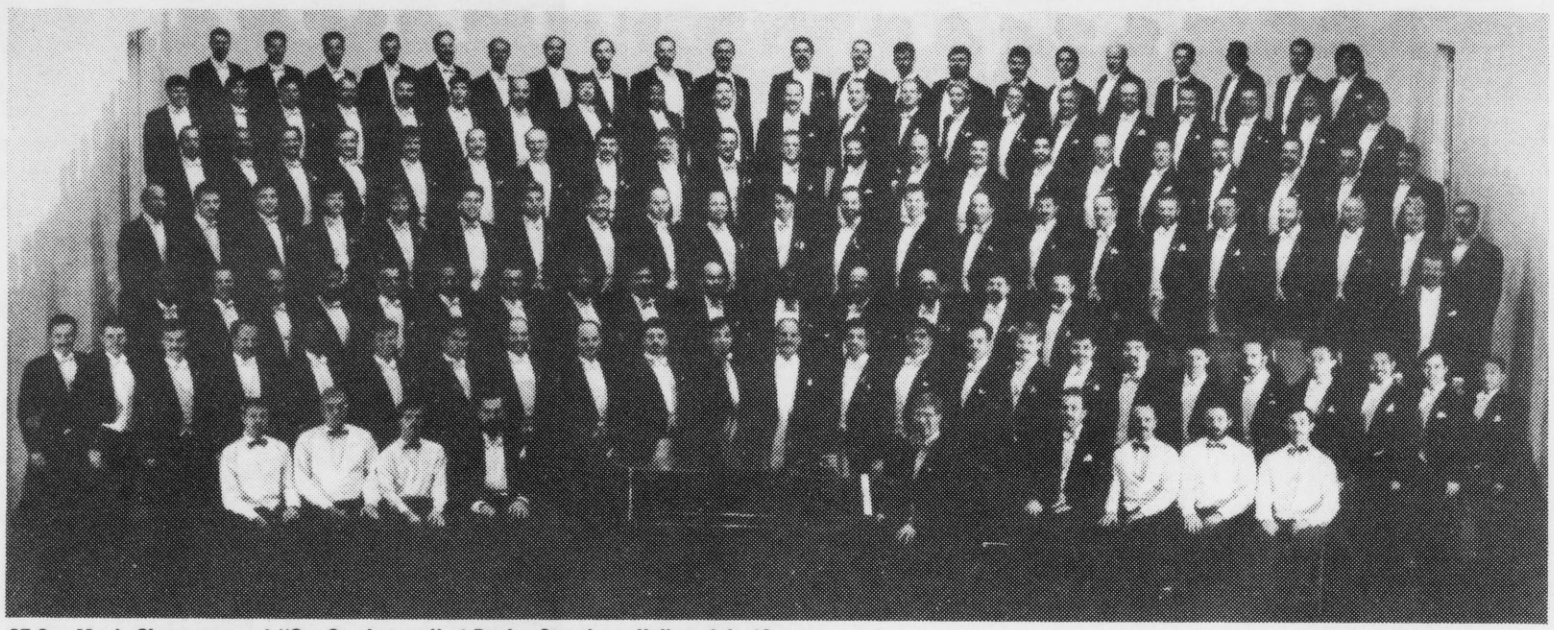
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.
SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.
Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BiCEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.
Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.
AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 3rd fl. SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 661-6379.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.
Gay Men's Support Group: Self-led group meets Tues eves in SF to deal with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment are welcome to join! Info: Greg or Rocky 626-1197; Rodney 861-7911.
Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.
Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.



SF Gay Men's Chorus present "Our Gay Legacy" at Davies Symphony Hall on July 10.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.
Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.
Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.
Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.
Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.
The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.
MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.
Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.
Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23. Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!
Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.
Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283
Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF, 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.
After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.
Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.
Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.
Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.
Dignity/SF sponsored drop-in group for gay, lesbian & bi young Catholics. Discussion of faith, sexuality & identity.

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Awkward Time; Killing Time

That's right, deadline looms over gay day, which makes it an awkward time of the month for me. Do I: (a) experience the total joy of the entire Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Party Weekend, which begins on Thursday, and go directly home after the parade on Sunday evening, settle down at my Smith Corona typewriter (Oh, by the way, anyone who wants to donate a personal computer to me, like a gift from a patron of the Art, Drug and Smut damaged, please do) and write about it till sunup on Monday, when I start seeing ghosts in my peripheral vision; or (b) knock off my column before most festivities begin with a myriad of silly short topics, such as my favorite murder or crime of the week, the best thing I heard on the bus, more snappy, ribald editorializing, or a nice memory piece with personal touches, or maybe a few things I've been criticized for not writing about, like rock music or something more "community-minded" or the many nightclubs and events that I fail to plug all of the time—some of which are run by people who are often most critical of my work; or (c) not write a column at all and start rumors that I overdosed, right in the middle of the dance floor at Pleasuredome Sunday night... shirtless.

MURDER IT IS

Yeah, let's go with option B. My scream of the week in the newspapers has got to be the shocking, dark underbelly of physical fitness exposed by the dramatic and bizarre front page story, "Bodybuilder Slays Gym Queen Girlfriend." I thought it was a homosexual murder. A competitive bodybuilding couple, instructors at a local gym and winners of a number of BB titles, who lived together like a match made in steroid heaven, had a big disagreement that left her slumped in a pile at his feet, dead, and found the murderer boyfriend holding a knife to his own throat and threatening to kill himself when the police arrived. Another grisly detail was the syringe he injected into his neck, filled with some sort of bodybuilding personal product. He was also shoving handfuls of pills into his mouth as he kept the cops at bay.

A cop he knew from the gym was called on and arrived in workout uniform to talk the guy down. Apparently there's a behavioral reaction from steroid use, called "roid rage" in bodybuilder lingo. I'd be pissed too if my cock was limp and useless but my pecs were world-class, like the girl I live with. A neighbor or friend commented to reporters, "It was one of those 'if I can't have her then nobody can' things." They seemed too perfect for each other. It was a somber day at the gym where they both taught aerobics. They had so much going for them.

In the wake of this tragedy I hope with all of my heart that other young bodybuilding couples won't be discouraged from trying to attain ultimate zero-body-fat happiness together in the world of competitive physical training, just because of one other couple's shocking violent demise.

In the same paper that day I also saw a story about a woman who cut off her husband's penis with a kitchen knife and fled in panic, unknowingly taking the penis with her, then threw it out her car window at an intersection. It was recovered and re-attached in the same hospital where she was simultaneously receiving treatment as a rape victim. In all, it was a banner day for great murder/crime stories in the *Chronicle*. Both I might add, had the same foreshadowing indication of an ultimate explosion. That foreshadow was previous domestic violence.

LOVE'S LABOR LOST

Speaking of domesticity, I was invited to a shower recently by Danielle Willis. It seems that two of her stripper friends from the Century had gotten pregnant and were having abortions on the same day so their girlfriends pulled it together and gave them an abortion shower, a celebration that runs fast and screaming as far away from domesticity as one could imagine. I saw it more like a proud demonstration of exercising a right that women are fighting to keep as their own choice. Then I saw the decor.

Real meat hooks hung from the ceiling with old limbless beat-up dolls impaled upon them, splattered with red paint—an eerie attentiveness to design and placement that prompted me to say, "I heart my sick friends." Danielle rushed up to greet us wearing a nurse's lab coat with some sort of trussed-up-tight black bondage thong thing on underneath that looked like it had sling possibilities. "I'm so glad you guys could make it. Have some food. There's lots of cake," she said, pointing to one of many cakes frosted with swirls of white and red, with lots of tiny plastic babies mixed in and peeking and poking out of the frosting as if for a photo shoot for particularly disgusting images of fetal matter to be placed in any one of those right-to-life gross-out propaganda pamphlets.

I asked Danielle if she might introduce us to the two lucky girls. I really should have known it was the two who had dressed like a bride and groom. I then started to eye the Pin-the-Vacuum-on-the-Fetus game that hung on the wall and wondered if I had missed all the party games completely. Then I saw Danielle grab a seltzer bottle and a box of gas cartridges and I knew I hadn't. "Whippets are the drug of choice tonight because they can apparently cause sterility in women." Guys just get a really bitchin' head rush, I guess. One guy I was watching took a really big hit of the stuff and he rushed so hard he fell down on the floor. Someone asked him, "Are you all right?" while another girl in the middle of the room said, "Did you know that most injuries that occur in nightclubs are injuries caused by people falling from a standing position? They can be really serious injuries, worse than even like overdosing. It's true." I don't think anyone was listening too closely at that point. They were either transfixed by the animated Japanese computerized porno playing on the video, complete with cum shots and forced penetration, or just plain reeling from the nitrous head rush or, like myself, gazing at the baby clothes hanging on the walls with heart shapes cut out of the fronts, splotched and rimmed in blood red, thinking, my god, these girls really know how to carry a theme consistently throughout a party.

Eventually people started bidding adieu, knowing full well what lay ahead for the two guests of honor and their little unwanted and only temporary guests too. The girls started to share some of their poignant abortion stories, ranging from being sexually abused by pervert doctors to not being able to stop laughing because the sound of the vacuum cracked them up, making the moralizing nurse want to kill the careless whore. As I trundled out the door, followed by others, I heard someone turn back and say, "Demand stronger Valium than they give you and save me a few." Only true girlfriends would ask that.

NO PUBLICITY IS BAD PUBLICITY

Speaking of girlfriends, there is a fab new publication recently released and available at A

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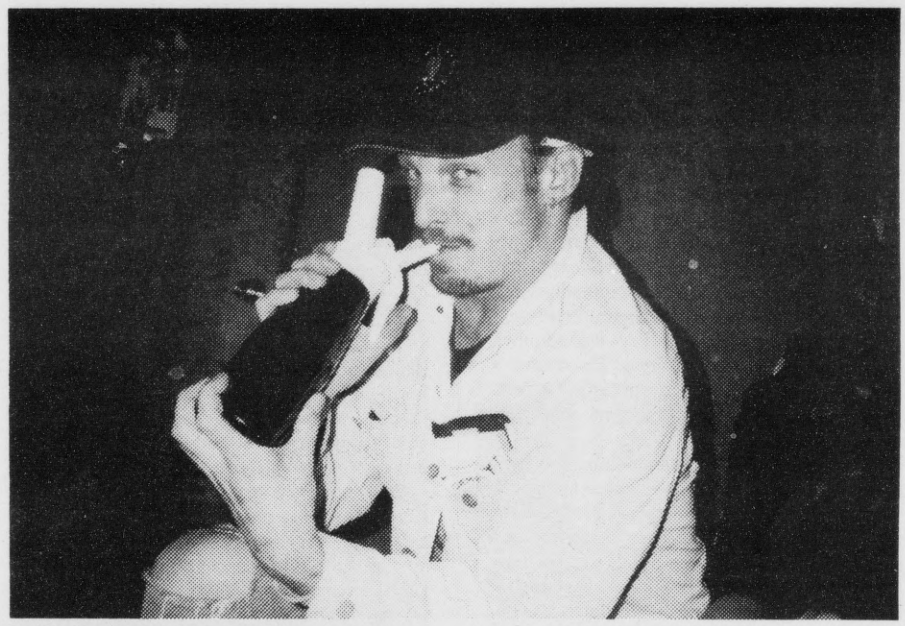

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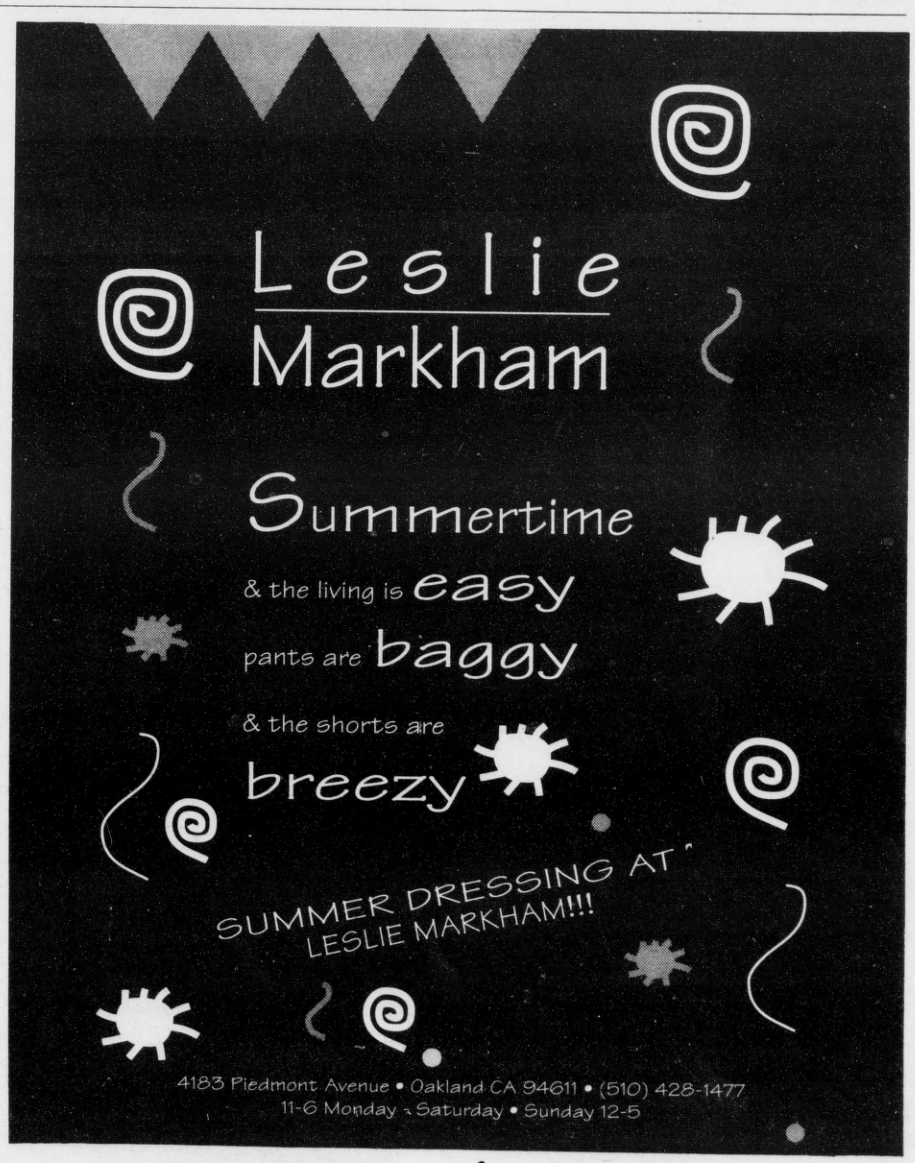

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Different Light Bookstore and a few Haight Street newsstands, titled *Girlfriend.* Brought to you by the crew who puts out *Homoture* and *Piss Elegant, Girlfriend* is the slickest-looking and most enjoyable endeavor to date. Why? Because it reads like a very carefully recorded history of the last six to eight months of San Francisco clubland. It's a bold-print-seeking celebutante's wet dream. It's a jack-off manual for those clubland egos on the frontlines, in stroke-to-stroke combat, committed to their reputations for fabulousness, their rapier-sharp wits, their never-ending series of outfits and, believe it or not, their good manners. *Girlfriend* claims, "If you haven't got anything nice to say, you won't see it in print in *Girlfriend.*" Pick up a copy and check that claim for yourself.

Girlfriends also features a clubland overview that is not only very comprehensive, it focuses on whether I, Don Baird, endorse the club, attended the club and even what state of inebriation I may have been in at the time. While some of those comments might seem like bitchy barbs aimed at my character, publisher Edward Berrones contends there's nothing there I haven't already said about myself. The story is accompanied by a nice photo of me looking extremely fucked up with a cocktail in my hand, and other photos throughout are worth the price of the 'zine alone. Several people have asked me if I saw the story and if I was mad about it. Of course I'm not. I thought it was very funny. I heart reading about myself. I was much more nervous about my recent nude photo pictorial by Bruce LaBruce in his 'zine *Monstar.* The photo in *Girlfriend* better shows my tattoo, but understandably many of you might prefer *Monstar.*

So, those are a few of things I just, well, wanted to share. I mean, anything for a chuckle. It's a shame about the loss of life but, hey, you gotta laugh. While chuckling over tragedy, I've been listening to Suede's LP. They really are pretty great and it is a very exciting debut by an English band who are Smiths-like and glam-rock-like and write songs about anal sex. Side one is so great I haven't even listened to side two. Does that make me a top? Anyway, as long as stories like the aforementioned keep appearing in the *Chronicle,* I'll be too busy laughing to know who's dropping the bombs. ✿

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First annual SF dyke march: Those damned lesbians walking proud. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Onscreen Agony and Ecstasy

Watching the lesbian documentary *Forbidden Love* on opening night at the film festival, I felt a small moment of exhilaration. This was lesbians talking about lesbians. It was but a small sampling of women, but they were sharing their stories and giving a quiet, determined "fuck you" to all the het-produced sensationalized and distorted images of lesbians. It was fierce and funny. There was more lesbian reality here than in a thousand *Newsweek* articles purporting to tell the "truth" about lesbian lives.

In a movie theater, you share something under cover of darkness, whether it be agony or ecstasy. And there was plenty of both at the festival, sometimes simultaneously. Castro audiences are notoriously participatory, providing their own soundtracks: hooting, hollering and of course, hissing.

By the end of the ten days, the festival trailer had become a point of controversy for lesbians. I heard hisses at every screening I attended. From the comments I got, there were at least two reasons for this: (1) the man reclines into the woman's arms, recreating the heterosexual model of woman as caretaker; (2) the man is muscular and black and the woman is skinny and white, playing into the stereotype of the strong buck and his white trash woman.

I read the gesture as a kind of transgressive comradely embrace, with unfortunate het overtones, but I can definitely see why some would object. During the *Girl Squad* program, the hisses were met by a woman shouting "Get over it!" Political discourse, SF girl style.

I didn't enjoy pride week as much as last year, but I chalk that up to general burnout on our "one neat city" and its clueless leadership. Not even the Dyke March could rouse me from my discontent. Leaving from Market and Castro, it didn't even take up the width of the street, making the marchers run a gantlet of onlookers. I bagged and ended up hanging out of my window watching it return up 18th Street. I was listening to Bikini Kill, while "We Are Family" blared from loudspeakers in the street. Girl Power meets disco. Take your pick.

Oh, the films. Right. One film that did knock me for a loop was Lea Pool's "Rispondetemi," a short in the *Neo Lesbo Video* program, which I saw with a non-lesbian friend (a story in itself). I've never had a film make me physically ill before, but this one did. It opens on a bridge with a car crash involving a lesbian couple. The surviving partner is then taken in an ambulance to a hospital. The entire film is her ride, interspersed with scenes from her life that eerily parallel her helpless state.

My reaction came from the equally eery realization that I'd experienced many of the same things, starting with the car crash. As I saw the survivor pulled from the wreckage, and her fingers pried from those of her (we presume) dead lover, I started to feel woozy and nauseated. I thought it was just a reaction to the blood oozing from the woman's head, but I realized it was more the reality of the scene. I was having a reaction to seeing someone lose someone she loved in a car crash. I was having a flashback.

If you have a choice in the matter, I highly recommend *not* having a flashback in the Castro Theater. I was on the verge of passing out and wondering if anyone would notice. My friend seemed to guess something was up and patted me on the arm. "Do you have any Coke left?" I gasped and tried to breathe regularly. Thankfully, the episode passed. The memories didn't.

When I was 11, I was in a one-car collision that killed my grandmother, who had been the anchor of our tattered family. It stands as one of the major events in my life. The film managed to touch on another one, too, because, as we learn, the car crash survivor was molested by one (it's not clear which) of her parents. Bingo. Then there were other similarities: she was adopted and she was the only Jew in a Catholic school. Again, with differences, it rang true.

The film was only 15 minutes long, but as my friend joked, "It was every horrible thing from your childhood. I was wondering what else they could possibly come up with." I agreed. It was almost funny—afterward.

So, I'd recommend the film, but if any of that stuff happened to you, I'd say see it in your own home with loved ones around, because it's truly harrowing. (It's not available on video right now.) The audience was gasping as the film segued without so much as a pause into a light comedy about dykes meeting on horseback. Whoa! Major mood shift. A ten second pause would have been good.

Still, I got my happy lesbian ending of sorts from "Sisters in the Life" by Yvonne Welbon.

a sweet recollection of girl love in which we heard the magic words "I love you" spoken by two girls who realize they mean more to each other than do any of the boys in their lives. An audience that was no doubt as starved as I was for lesbian romance cheered loudly at the climactic moment.

I assembled a handful of quotes I found amusing from the films I saw.

A personal testimony from "A Cosmic Demonstration of Sexuality": "I masturbated in the second grade. I had a little second grade orgasm."

From *Forbidden Love*: "I think post-menopausal women should run the world."

Sandra Bernhard in *Confession of a Pretty Lady*: "I feel like I'm the spokesperson for the modern woman."

In the fiction category, from "Peach": "I didn't think she was fat. I thought she was kind of... luscious."

From "She Can Probably Fix It": "It's a walking fruit salad. It's a bad day at Filene's Bargain Basement. No, it's a girl."

ENDNOTES...

The Chameleon may have presented its last alternative rock show over the weekend. The club has been hassled for over-crowding by the fire marshal and had already announced it would cease holding rock shows as of August 1. On June 25, Alicia Rose, who's booked the club the last two years, told the crowd that the fire marshal had paid them a visit that night and threatened to arrest the staff. She then asked for suggestions as to where to present shows—starting with the next night's.

It's a real pity, since the booking policy was pretty woman-friendly and queer-friendly. The place has lousy ventilation and attracts creepy straight male voyeurs, but you could see dykes onstage there.

A women's drumming convergence takes place July 9-10 at Anthony Chabot Park in Oakland. Barbara Borden, Jackeline Rago, Susu Pampanin, Renaye "Cadenza" Brown and others will be leading workshops and performing in various styles out in the woods, with proceeds going to WORLD, which supports women with HIV. There will also be stiltwalking, food and poetry. (510) 883-1650.

Other upcoming shows: Your last chance to see Bratmobile is at Gilman July 2. I'll have more on them in future issues. PJ Harvey is at the Warfield July 12. Dykelah Lisa Geduldig joins two feygeles for an evening of queer Jewish comedy at the Tea Spot Cafe on July 10. (510) 848-7376.

classics

Female Trouble

Opera review by Michael Gorman

To great, if unintentional, comic effect, opera composers and opera companies have traditionally required audiences to suspend critical faculties on all matters except singing. Humor is seldom funny; drama (generic) is conveyed by twisting the mouth, crossing the eyes and increasing the volume; and the hefty 16-year-virgin advances the plot by acting—first moving the left hand, and then the right. Plot thus advanced, she remains motionless for the remainder of the scene. This is all fine if one believes that opera is fundamentally about uncompromised vocal performance. I don't. I prefer a total dramatic effect, in which the singing is in the service of the drama and not the other way around.

San Francisco Opera's productions of Richard Strauss' *Salome* and *Der Rosenkavalier* require no adjustment of dramatic standards. They are bona fide sung dramatizations which leave the audience altered, not from hearing incomparable singing (the singing is, in fact, flawed), but from an emotional connection to the play achieved by the intelligent balance of music and drama. *Salome*, based on a text by Oscar Wilde, roots around the *fin de siecle* psyche — religion, sex, incest, necrophilia. *Der Rosenkavalier*, a comedy with libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal, is about aging and the inadequacies of love.

Maria Ewing as Salome enters the stage like a cat, silent and unnoticed. Her impending perversity is apparent from the first notes she sings. Voluptuous and commanding, such a voice is disquieting from a girl of such small stature. The fuel for her strength becomes evident as she first

Soprano Maria Ewing was commanding in the title role of the SF Opera's production of Richard Strauss' "Salome." Photo by Larry Merkle

seduces Narraboth (Mark Baker) to see Jokanaan or John the Baptist (Tim Fox). Jokanaan, whose incoherent prophesies we have been hearing from the depths of the cistern, emerges in only a loincloth, his skin chalky white. Jokanaan's prophetic persona is beautifully realized in Fox's powerful baritone, which alternately repels us with religious rantings and then draws us near with compassionate pleading for Salome's repentance.

In Salome's dance of the seven veils, a performance that will ultimately be paid for with Jokanaan's life, Ewing moves expressively, especially as she slithers around Jokanaan's cistern rousing herself for the paroxysmal fanfare in which she strips for her father Herod.

Herod (Robert Tear) and Herodias (Leonie Rysanek) gave resounding performances as the twisted parents of the disturbed Salome. Rysanek, with her legendary mezzo, portrayed Herodias as irredeemably awful: hot and cold to Salome, intoxicated by the idea of Jokanaan's decapitation. Tear sang Herod with more humanity, especially as he cajoled Salome to dance for him.

Both Tear's and Ewing's singing and concentration seemed to flag around three quarters of the way through. Hardly surprising given the demands of the score and the 73-piece orchestra, which conductor Donald Runnicles might have toned down. Ewing came back 100 percent, however, for her love song to the severed head of Jokanaan. Appearing tiny in an oversized red quilted bathrobe, the poor girl invites our sympathy as she assures herself that Jokanaan would have loved her had he looked at her. Ewing's fan-

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tastically powerful voice distinguishes Salome's perversity from Herodias' evil, expressing tenderness and yearning as she experiences some psychological redemption, as reflected by the swelling orchestra and illumination from the moon.

The supporting cast, including Mark Baker as Narraboth and Emily Manhart as the Page, was uniformly solid—especially Baker, whose sweet tenor voice opened the production.

The production was not without operatic absurdities: Herodias had aqua hair, and Salome descended the steps of the cistern housing Jokanaan by rolling down them. She continued rolling on the stage for some time to orchestral accompaniment.

Der Rosenkavalier grabbed me as well, but perhaps in large part because of my own perversities. Seventeen-year-old Octavian is in love with the 32-year-old Princess von Werdenberg, an Austrian field marshal's wife, but leaves her for the young and stupid Sophie whom he meets when he proposes marriage to her on behalf of the Marshallin's nephew, Baron Ochs. The happy consequence of the part of Octavian being sung by a woman is that all of the love duets are sung by women.

It is claimed that Strauss simply preferred the female to the male voice, and that there is no significance to the gender-switch. (Historically, there has not been great controversy although some divas refused the role on account of decency and some companies adapted the part for male voice.) The audience need only suspend its perceptual faculties and male and female are dramatically interchanged. I rather prefer to leave the singers' genders as they are and to experience them as women in love. Perversions aside...

Frederica Von Stade as Octavian sang with a becoming boyish buoyancy, perhaps getting away with vocal inconsistencies unsuitable for other roles. Her full dark tone was present except in her upper range, which was not well controlled and which sounded forced. She rendered the artless Mariandel, Octavian's drag disguise, with genuine humor, a vulgar but not irritating voice and gender-bending movement.

Vocally, the performance belonged to Felicity Lott, whose clear tone, excellent pitch and superb styling perfectly suited the role of assured and mature, though absolutely not yet old, Marshallin. Unfortunately, the exuberance of Octavian and Ochs tended to drown her out in their trio. Alone, she was ideally balanced with the orchestra, reeling us in with her fears about aging and abandonment.

Schaeffer as Sophie was less sure-footed. Her voice is extremely pretty, but lacked the ease of Lott's, especially on difficult octave jumps. But in ensembles, she and the others were superb. The final trio, in which the Marshallin sets things up between Sophie and Octavian, was seamless, the vocal quality and volume perfectly blended as the three voices weaved in and out with modulations galore, achieving yet another Strauss apotheosis.

Eric Halfverson, the arrogant and lecherous Ochs, had a thunderous bass put to great comic effect. David Holloway as the parvenu Faninal looked like Phyllis Diller, but gave a convincing performance as did the rest of the cast.

The orchestra under the direction of Charles Mackerras was uncharacteristically together, and Mackerras, recently named principal assistant conductor, was economical with the tempos.

The festival continues through July 2 at the War Memorial Opera House, also featuring *Capriccio* with Kiri Te Kanawa and a concert staging of *Daphne*. ✿

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food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Thrice Scream (For Ice Cream)

Ice cream is one of the great evocative American foods. Visions of boys and girls wearing knickerbockers, churning a great crank, anxious for a taste of the frozen treat, swim before my eyes. Everyone has their memories. My great-uncle Leo Vogel always took me and my cousins to the Baskin-Robbins just down the street from his apartment building for thirty-one-derful flavors and a world of pleasure to kiddies like me. Every once in a while, my sisters and I would beg my parents to "make us a surprise," causing them either to wave their hands in front of us exclaiming, "Poof! You're a surprise!" or to retreat into the kitchen and return with bowls full of ice cream swirled with peanut butter, chocolate sauce, little cinnamon candies ad nauseam (literally).

As I've grown older, my tastes have become (somewhat) more refined; pink bubble gum and tutti frutti don't thrill me anymore. Instead, I long for creamy, rich scoops with subtly interesting flavors. Baskin-Robbins may be politically incorrect, but their Mint Chip still rules. Fortunately, there's a host of local ice creams that are first-class and lots of fun.

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I hadn't lived in San Francisco two weeks when a friend sent me to Rory's, and I've been happily going ever since. They have stamped discount cards that you cash in when full of stamps, and I'm constantly refilling those damn little cards!

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Ben & Jerry's is the most fun of the three parlors I visited. The staff has a good time with customers, and when it gets busy, one of them rings a bell that hangs from the ceiling, adding to the excitement.

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The Substance Of Fire

The Magic Theatre closes its season with Jon Robin Baitz's powerful *The Substance of Fire*, the most highly charged, intellectually and emotionally challenging drama we've seen in some time. Baitz's first act, a complete play in itself, reveals the internecine struggle of three siblings trying to unseat the family patriarch from his seemingly irrational stewardship of a publishing company. Director John C. Fletcher's cast—Ken Ruta, Scott Freeman, Andrew Dolan and Asher Lindus—has been honed to steely perfection. The second act, a coda but complete unto itself, picks up the old man three years later, embittered but irascible as ever, in a second confrontation with social worker Marge (Frances Lee McCain).

Shevra Tait's first act set is the board room of the publishing house with the play's audience creating three of the book-lined walls. A crisis meeting has been called by Aaron (Freeman), the Harvard grad business manager of the firm. He is joined by younger brother Martin (Dolan), a landscape architect who teaches at Vassar, and younger sister Sarah (Lindus), a TV actress from the West Coast who works on a series for children. Aaron has asked for their support in getting the old man to publish a contemporary novel, a hot property that may stave off bankruptcy and salvage their inheritance. But cornered lion Isaac (Ruta) will not be swerved from his decision to publish (in further expiation of his guilt for having survived the Holocaust) a six-volume set of Nazi medical experiments.

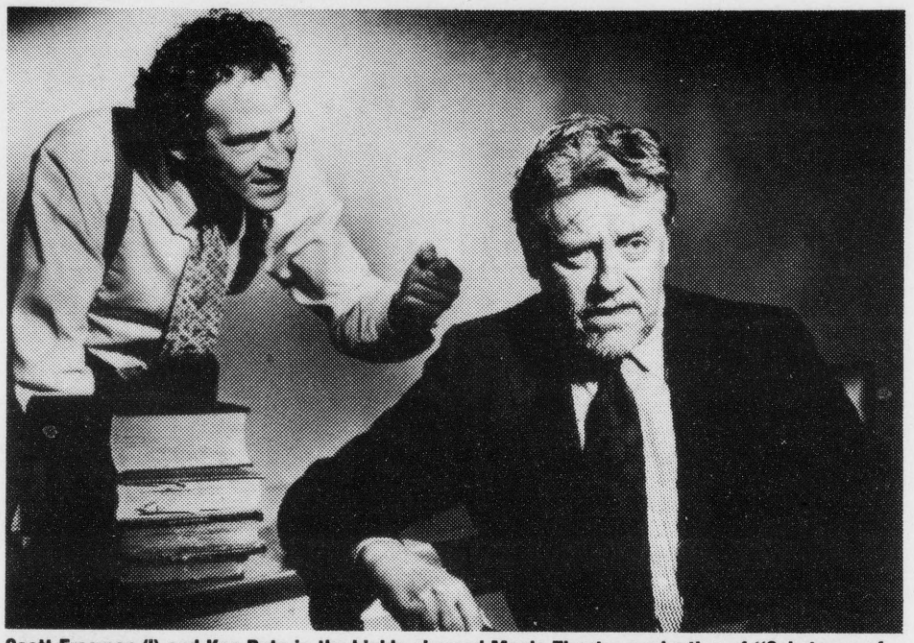
Elegant and courtly one moment, then sarcastically patronizing, and finally brutally vindictive, Isaac controls the meeting that has been called to depose him. One by one he humiliates his children, referring to Aaron as "the bookkeeper," Martin as "the gardener," and Sarah as a "children's clown." A scholarly man of ideas who would seem to place more value on documenting a specific phase of human history than on treating his children with respect, he manipulates them shamelessly.

Soft-spoken and tentative, Martin throws his share of stock to Aaron. But they need Sarah's stock to gain controlling interest. Having merely skimmed the novel in question ("You know I don't read"), she reacts with simplistic comments to every question. She votes with her emotions, then changes her mind, and act one ends in pyrrhic victory.

Three years later, Martin visits his father in his musty, once-elegant apartment to smooth the way for the arrival of a social worker who will analyze Isaac's ability to conduct his personal and financial affairs. Marge (McCain) is immediately put on the defensive by Isaac, but when he discovers he cannot browbeat her he turns on the charm. It's a beautifully conceived confrontation as both characters let down their defenses to reveal past disappointments and betrayals... and the revelation that this is not their first meeting. It's a dialogue of false starts, coy disguise, awkward pauses and a final breakthrough to emotional honesty.

Larry Eilenberg may take considerable pride in this final production of his year as interim artistic director of the Magic Theatre. Director Fletcher and his gifted ensemble have given us a contemporary tragedy of classic proportions.

Highly recommended. *The Substance of Fire* continues at the Magic Theatre through July 11. Call (415) 441-8822.



Scott Freeman (l) and Ken Ruta in the highly charged Magic Theatre production of "Substance of Fire." Photo by David Allen

"La Bete," a brilliant semantic exercise on the purposes of art. Photo by WPG Enterprises

La Bete

In TheatreWorks' production of *La Bete*, Joe Ragey's skewered set of neo-classical marbleized walls, raked stage, suggested ceiling and cameo of Voltaire over formal centered doors, sets the tone for playwright David Hirson's brilliant semantic exercise on the purposes of art. Written entirely in rhymed couplets, the comedy pits two 17th-century playwrights in a duel that at times threatens to "out fence" itself in witty but self-indulgent wordplay.

La Bete won London's 1992 Olivier award for best comedy and was nominated for five Tony Awards for its 1991 New York production.

Jeff Raz (master clown of the Pickle Family Circus and Vaudeville Nouveau) is Valere, the "beast" set loose to create havoc among the members of Prince Conti's resident acting troupe, headed by formalist playwright Elomire (Don Bilotti). Bejart, Elomire's level-headed second in this duel of words, is played by Jack Davis.

Prince Conti, having spotted Valere performing in the marketplace, plucks him off the streets and insists that Elomire find use for his talent. This "talent" is revealed as the play opens in a spellbinding, 25-minute monologue of preening, simpering, idiotic nonsense on the function of art. Flouncing about in his tiered red wig, Valere is the perfect fool, proudly creating his own vocabulary to dumbfound his betters. When he is at last silent, Elomire attacks with a few well-chosen words not only to puncture but to wither his opponent's ego. Insensible to reproach, Valere inquires with the innocence of a practiced courtesan, "Do you mean this as constructive criticism?"

Eager to see how the two playwrights are getting on, Prince Conti (Julian Lopez-Morillas) enters. As Valere grovels, the incensed Elomire threatens to reject the royal patronage and depart with his troupe if he is forced to accept Valere. Seemingly sympathetic, but exercising his "royalty has its privileges" attitude, the count calls his bluff and suggests a compromise.

In a play-within-a-play, Elomire's troupe performs one of Valere's comedies. Fool that he is, Valere understands the taste of the public and has catered to it. Seeing mediocrity achieve victory over high purpose, Elomire is horrified. Valere, strutting in the costume of a beribboned, color-blind drag queen, is ecstatic. The Prince, while realizing that the play has insulted the establishment, again cautions the middle road.

While *La Bete* began to sag in the final 20 minutes, it is still a delight to ear and eye and ends where most duels on the aesthetics of art end, in a predictable draw.

Juliette Morgan is the monosyllabic maid Dorine whose announcements invariably initiated a 17th-century version of "charades" (a conceit I soon wearied of). Rebecca Dines was a delightful Madeleine Bejart, leading lady of the fickle acting troupe, for whom job security took precedence over allegiance and art.

La Bete was co-directed by Robert Kelley and Tom Lindblade. The lighting was by Pamela Gray Bones and the costumes, ranging from the severe to the bizarre, were the work of the talented Fumiko Bielefeldt.

La Bete continues at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts through July 11. Call (415) 903-6000.

Closer Than Ever

Is there a movement afoot to sabotage the sound of the human voice in theater? More and more as I attend musical productions, intimate local revues or big Broadway road companies, I'm aurally assaulted by over-miked voices belting over electronically implemented orchestras. Were I some despotic dictator instead of a cantankerous reviewer, I might subject the offenders to some bodily harm.

Case in point: The current CitiArts production of *Closer Than Ever* at the relatively intimate Willows Theatre in Concord. On the evening I attened this charming revue, the five talented, ingratiating and fine-voiced singers were hard put during the first act to overcome the vocal distortions inherent in a heavy-handed sound system. A couple of audience "suggestions" during the intermission resulted in a 100 percent improvement in second-act acoustics. Certainly one of the more intelligent and thoughtful revues of the past decade, the lyrics of *Closer Than Ever* need to be heard to be savored.

In 1977 one of theater's "younger" songwriting teams, lyricist Richard Maltby Jr. and composer David Shire celebrated first love and foibles of youth in *Starting Here, Starting Now*. In 1989, older and wiser, the team took a somewhat more jaded view of romance, relationships, marriage and the constant but unpredictable vagaries of the human comedy with *Closer Than Ever*. The revue won the Outer Critics Circle awards for best off-Broadway musical, best score and best lyrics.

In its current staging at CitiArts, the revue features the fine voices and superb characterizations of Velina Brown, Anna Marie Guitierrez, John Hetzler, Marsha Mercant and Ron Picket. Pianist/conductor Peter Maleitzke joins the ensemble on a couple of numbers. Robert Webb's set is comprised of five doors through which the performers make their entrance, singing "Doors." Each of the songs tells a story and "She Loves Me Not" is a rueful melody sung by Ron to Velina, who sings it to John, who sings it to Ron.

Anna Marie gets *her* chance at retaliation when she belts "You Wanna Be My Friend" to a lover who's walking out on her. Friends she's got, she sings, what she *hasn't* got is a lover. Spinning across stage in her secretarial chair, Velina sings "Miss Byrd," the secret life of a mousy office worker who turns into a sex bomb at sunset. Ron lends his soaring tenor to "One of the Good Guys," a married man's reflection on an extramarital fling that almost happened.

Marsha and Peter sing "There," a woman's lament about a man who was never "there," to the man's response that he was always "here." Velina returns with some fine scatting in a delightful duet with Kurt Feinberg's bass, and John, Ron and Peter join on "Fathers of Fathers," a tribute to the fathers we all take for granted.

Anna Marie's gorgeous soprano probed the subtext of "Life Story" in which a woman raises a son after her husband leaves her, sends her son to college as she supports herself with modest success as a freelance writer, and at age 49 finds herself being patronized by younger women from

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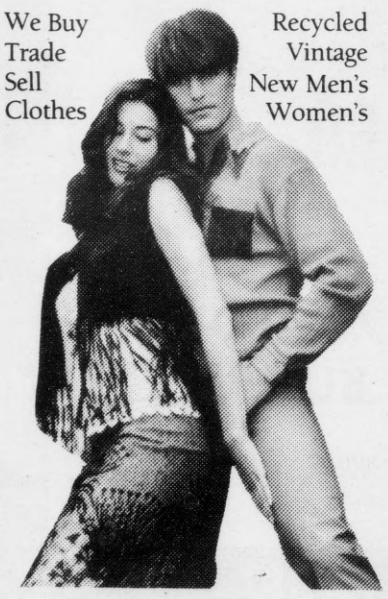

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Velina Brown, Marsha Mercant and Ron Pickett (l-r) in the baby boomer musical "Closer Than Ever," thru July 11. Photo by Randal Becker

Steve Uchida (l) and Montgomery Hom played a refugee and poet in Daniel Weber's "New World." Photo by Katy Raddatz

whom she solicits work. "All those young things who see me now/ Those MBAs who make 50 thou/ Who smile and ask what I have done/ When they got their positions/ With the fights I won..." Guitierrez wrings every nuance from this moving short story.

"If I Sing," eloquently delivered by John, is a tribute by a grown son to a father for teaching him a love of music. In "March of Time," the ensemble details the multitude of little adversities we encounter long before we're ready for them.

Anna Marie and John explore the "two careers and a baby" syndrome, and Anna Marie and Marsha return to overlay two poignant ballads, "It's Never That Easy" and "I've Been Here Before." "Closer Than Ever," the ensemble's finale, acknowledges that life's adversities can bring us closer.

Joe DeLuca (drums/percussion) was the third member of the onstage orchestra. The musical staging was by Rene Pulliam; costumes were by Karen Lim; and Andrew Holtz directed.

Closer Than Ever continues at the Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Concord, Wednesdays through Sundays, through July 11.

Hello, Dolly!

Having played in practically every community theater within a 100 mile radius, that warhorse of musical comedy, *Hello, Dolly!* has now taken up residence at the Presentation Theatre as the Lamplighters' summer production.

While the musical itself may be a little tattered around the edges, the current version under Jay Manley's direction hasn't managed to infuse the old girl with a fresh look. Dolly is structured around the star turns of two characters, the flamboyant, meddling matchmaker Dolly Levi, and the blustering, recalcitrant Yonkers merchant, Horace Vandergelder. But without larger than life performances from those two leads, the musical fails to take flight. The opening night cast delivered its songs and jokes with perfunctory willingness but too little sass.

Jean Cardin Ziaja revealed early on that neither her operatic voice nor her laid-back presence would fathom the effervescent, self-confident, bordering-on-camp temperament of Dolly Levi. Her first solo, "I Put My Hand In," lacked the flair demanded of the lyrics and her first act finale, "Before the Parade Passes By," failed to deliver the intended emotional punch. Oddly enough, Ziaja seemed to discover her character in her final solo and breezed through "So Long, Dearie."

Will Connolly as Vandergelder, the merchant in the market for a rich wife, played it safe throughout instead of giving vent to pompous irascibility.

Lawrence Ewing, one of the brighter comedians in the Lamplighters' stable, was particularly fine as Cornelius Hackl. He was well-matched by lovely Victoria Cumming as Mrs. Molloy. Her solos, "Ribbons Down My Back" and "It Only Takes a Moment," were two of the show's vocal highlights. Mike Dederian was an energized, klutzy Barnaby and squire to Mrs. Molloy's assistant, Minnie Fay, played with simpering giggles by Marti K. Berg.

Peter Weller was particularly noteworthy for creating a highly volatile character of Rudolph, headwaiter at the Harmonia Gardens. His corps of napkin-snapping, dancing waiters performed well in the constricted space allotted to their "Gallop." Poised on the stairs to welcome the long-absent Dolly "home," the big moment of their "Hello, Dolly!" number didn't happen. Dolly's entrance was not the showstopper it should have been. She simply appeared.

Dale Levinton was Vandergelder's obnoxiously shrieking niece and her suitor was J. Patrick Stephenson as the penniless artist. Anita J. Schwaber was the crass Ernestina, Vandergelder's blind date at the Harmonia Gardens.

Baker Peeples conducted. Diane Silven choreographed the dances, and the handsome costumes were by Melissa Wortman. Beth Ross and Ric Tringali co-designed the sets (a head-on train engine drew a nice round of applause) and Kurt Landisman designed the lighting.

Double cast as usual, the musical features Barbara Heroux and Rick Williams in alternate performances.

Hello, Dolly! continues through Aug. 1 at the Presentation Theatre, 2335 Turk St. Call (415) 752-7755.

New World

Playwright Daniel Weber, a former driver for Chinatown's On Lok Senior Health Center, wrote *New World* after a series of interviews with a fellow driver who had made a harrowing escape from Vietnam to asylum in San Francisco. An Asian-American Theatre presentation, the multi-media production about a young Vietnamese refugee featured several compelling performances.

Director Virginia Abascal's creative team included Keith Snider, sets; Kevin Gould, sound; and Elaine Maute, costumes. Snider's minimalist settings, enhanced by evocative scenic projections moody lighting and Gould's musical score, permitted soft-focus transitions between San Francisco and Saigon.

Dang (Montgomery Hom), a young survivor of the Vietnamese "boat people" nightmare, has arrived in San Francisco, where he is being given a crash course in Americanization by his streetwise cousin Trung (Steve Uchida). Poet and dreamer Dang is caught between his cousin's rat-race concept of getting ahead and his innate old world values of a more contemplative existence. Visions of the past control his sleep. He is visited by appearances of his sister, Puong (Sammie Choy), who remained in Saigon with her black marketeer husband. Further troubling his nights is the ghost of his father (William Hammond), a military man whose medal-encrusted chest attests to his service under the revolving military governments that have overrun Vietnam.

Dang's own vision of the American dream takes on a darker aspect when he experiences harassment from a street gang and open prejudice from a fish market owner who fires him when he discovers he is not Chinese.

Actor Hom brought considerable sensitivity to a character tormented by memories of the past while challenged by cousin Trung to insinuate himself into the good graces of the local Vietnamese Mafia. Relatively static in terms of linear plot, the play's success is due in great part to some finely tuned and compassionate ensemble acting. Actor Frank Liu, however, double cast as Phuong's husband and the Americanized gangster, shouted his lines with such inexplicable volume that they became unintelligible.

Exercising tight control of the play's shifting rhythms, director Abascal presented a revealing and thoughtful microcosm of the immigrant dilemma. ✿

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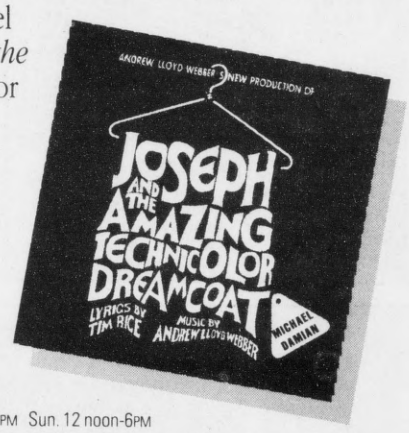
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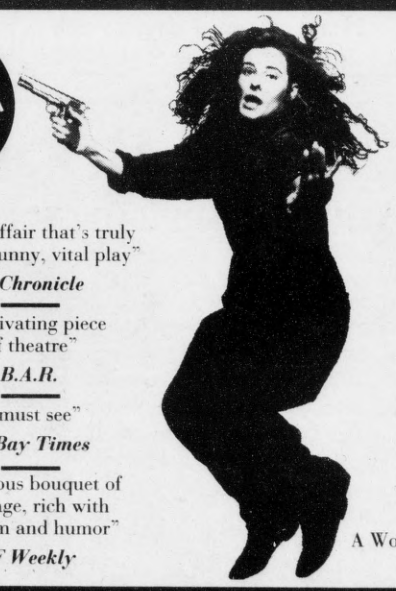

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Paved Paradise

Reviewed by Larry Myers

In *Paved Paradise* at Josie's Cabaret, eerie and gifted John Kelly doesn't simply recreate the style of the ethereal, flaxen, iron-haired songstress Joni Mitchell—he evokes the entire era. Kelly's rendition is a sort of haunted Blanche du Bois of folk singing, a Mama Morticia Addams creature who has been hitting the bottle—the bleach bottle. This Mitchell has ironing board hair and an ironing board body. There is not even a hint of a fold to her cleavage. Yet her range and spirit are most curvaceous and bountiful.

Even though sections of this basically one-joke evening (fortunately it's a funny joke) are droll, there is also an accompanying sense of utter loss. Thematic suggestions of bygone eras and characters are as subtle as Kelly's peculiar comedic style. The flower power evoked by this vintage age of peace marches and hootenannies seemed to tie into last week's gay power festivities. At another point in this nostalgic evening, one could imagine Kelly with flowers-in-his-hair a la Ophelia.

My theater companion thought all the songs were parodies created especially for this giggly evening. He had no idea these were the actual songs Joni Mitchell warbled way back then.

How times have changed! In these post-Julia Roberts (now Mrs. Lyle Lovett), sour, deceitful times, one can't imagine tunes such as "Tin Angel," "Rainy Night House," "Conversation," "For Free" or "Night in the City."

Kelly's conjuring up of Joni Mitchell seems other- worldly. Yet there is a great immediacy and spontaneity to the proceedings. From his mannered and wispy entrance to the moment when he/she sets a stuffed chicken spinning for an off-key "Circle Game" sing-along, Kelly is appropriately "too much." His style is subtly extravagant for the reclusive sprite, Joni Mitchell.

Joni as portrayed by Kelly inhabits her secret song world pawing at wooden birdies, reminiscing about an old hippie crowd on a busy wall-hanging by Craig Colemand, jamming smoking incense into apples. She is most mannered and takes considerable time to psych herself up into her trills. But once she begins singing, we experience simultaneously the accomplished cross-tenor sound of Kelly and that familiar Mitchell sound.

This performance art exploration combines Mitchell's eccentricities with her theatrical accidents (example: hair getting caught in guitar strings). A cultural icon is studied before our very eyes as old words are delivered in an illuminating gender-bender fashion. Occasionally we are jolted by new phrases such as "my love taken by a big drag queen," instead of the original "taken by a cab" from "Big Yellow Taxi."

This Mitchell is a more-than-slightly possessed creature who is so rarefied she can only exist onstage. Her essence and expressiveness can only be communicated via song. She is trapped in a loom-working world where cauldrons of brown rice boil. When she stops singing to babble about art and metaphysics, Kelly's Joni is like a zombified surfer or a valley girl.

She only happens when she sings, yet sometimes her yodeling warble sounds like screeching car brakes, part bat range. At one point, Joni becomes so enmeshed in her sound that the slovenly piano accompanist Georgia O'Keefe must whack her in the head with a crutch. Also on hand to assist her idiosyncracies is Brad Davis look-alike Jonathan Bassil, who whines his way through a Neil Young "Hairless."

When Mitchell reenters for her "Hejira" Hollywood period, she has an engaging pioneer strut. The audience roars. It is quite fun to be privy to this odd reclusive butterfly's public moments.

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film

Highly marketable cultural product Sandra Bernhard.

Confession Of A Pretty Lady

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Confession Of A Pretty Lady is a feature-length study from British directors Kris Clarke and Sarah Mortimer of Sandra Bernhard, comedian and star-in-the-making. The film, which is bound to make a big splash, had its world premiere at this year's recent S.F. International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. It's a head-over-heels improvement over Bernhard's tepid performance film, *Without You I'm Nothing*, and it makes Bernhard appear as interesting and as controversial a figure as she herself would have us believe she is. *Confession* has extensive clips from her *Giving It 'Til It Hurts* show at Madison Square Garden, and from her celluloid performances in *Without You I'm Nothing* and in Scorsese's *King of Comedy*.

We're also given candid commentary on her success and her importance as a cultural phenomenon by friends John Boskovitch and Paul Mooney, by *Advocate* editor Jeff Yarborough, by Camille Paglia and of course, Sandra's mom and the aunt and uncle she crashed with when she was a struggling young manicurist in L.A. There's no Madonna, no girl interests, and very little cattiness shown in this film which plays it professionally safe. The film does succeed in creating the illusion of candor and spontaneity from Sandra and her coterie.

Confession Of A Pretty Lady is a beautiful Bernhard promo package, showing us a star in the process of making herself into a highly marketable cultural product. From small comedy club to Madison Square Garden, from ugly duckling to air-brushed Playboy centerfold, Bernhard has been re-inventing herself for years. Transcending the homophobia of her upbringing, especially from her father, who was a doctor who tried to cure patients of their homosexuality, Bernhard has now become the self-proclaimed mouthpiece for

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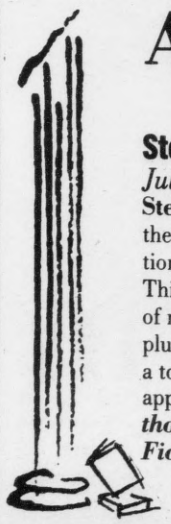

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In *Confession*, the directors have provided us with what amounts to a wonderful feel-good movie which highlights Bernhard's less obnoxious aspects and showcases the lady as a fine comedian and social satirist. It also has some scenes of Bernhard pandering for laughs and acceptance from the lesbo-gay community (read: market) she loves to provoke and mock. My favorite concession comes with the first song as the film begins: "Out Me," in which Sandra bitches that she doesn't need her gay brothers and sisters to tell her what she is. "All right, I'm out of my mind," she croons. In the next scene we see Bernhard playing it ever so coyly as she sits in a red convertible being escorted down the avenue by a contingent of dykes on bikes.

This film is above all entertaining, and it's full of cute little narrative sound bites about Bernhard: "sexual terrorist of comedy" or "myth of sexual ambiguity" and "unconventional beauty," "shocking" and the like. The film is carried by Bernhard's performances and stand-up comedy. She holds the audience in the palm of her hand as she tells them they can all be divided into three basic food groups. The first: those of the "exotic lifestyle"—gay and proud. The second: those having had at least one homosexual experience, or a bisexual swinger who fantasizes about it all the time. And then the third and least interesting group: straights in New York.

As for her apolitical politicized antics, she says she feels good about posing as a *Playboy* Bunny. She says she wants to inspire all those girls out there with small breasts. That's how she sees herself as a role model in sexual politics, and taken on that level, I think she's damn funny. How could anyone not laugh as Bernhard goes down the runway in a Paris fashion show—dressed all right but with the unmistakable swagger of a butch dyke in femme drag. Whether she's lesbian-identified or not, when she's not putting lesbians or '70s feminists down, she's right on with her rendition of lesbian camp humor.

Camille Paglia calls Bernhard a Lenny Bruce Jewish intellectual walkie-talk neurotic. Bernhard goes along with that description. She and Paglia really do have a lot in common; both are products of the '70s, having been brought up during the Barbara Streisand/Tina Turner era, and are equally neurotic. And both women have promoted themselves as new post-feminist, post-lesbian lesbians.

(Actually, it's somewhat strange to me how many straight magazines are focusing lately on lesbian chic, lesbian visibility and the "new lesbians" of the '90s, as if this breed suddenly came into existence as a phenomenally new species. They seem thrilled to finally be able to dismiss woman-identified, lesbian-identified women as unchic or old-fashioned. But the lesbian population, by virtue of our alternative and fluid nature, is always reinventing itself, and there are plenty of "queers" of all sorts over 35. There are also plenty of lesbian feminists under 35 who don't wear the dreaded flannel shirts or labyrises of the '70s. In fact, even in the '70s there were lots of lesbians who weren't mercerized. As an out lesbian in New York City in the '70s, I remember many gorgeous girls in leather, in velvet, in silk, in bed with wild tattoos.)

Bernhard loves to take the image of the lesbian-as-unattractive or dowdy and pit herself against it. It's simply misogynistic, homophobic, and over-compensatory. Luckily for her and for us, humor and self-aggrandizement are wonderful antidotes for an overdose of socially inflicted pain. Besides, if you want to see ugly or unstylish, go to any mall or theme park or straight pick-up bar.

Confession Of A Pretty Lady isn't scheduled at this time for commercial release in the Bay Area, but it surely will be, so keep your eyes open. Controversy is in the eyes of the beholder (the proverbial tempest in the teapot). It's easy enough to sit back with this one; to laugh, be entertained and feel nostalgia for Sylvester and pansexual mayhem when it was just easy and fun and harmless, if it ever really was that way back then. ✿

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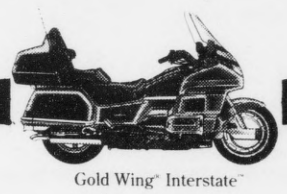
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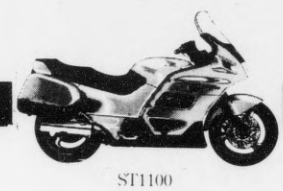
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Charity Events—Too Much Of A Good Thing?

Has the leather community been tapped so much that it just doesn't have any more to give? I don't believe that is true, but I do believe that the community is nearing exhaustion. The leather community is one of the biggest contributors to charitable causes on a per capita basis, ranking among the most generous of gay or straight groups. I personally know how hard it is to keep digging deeper and deeper until you hit the holes in your pockets.

It is apparent that the current methods of generating funds are just not working any more, and I feel we need to find a new way. So often we are asked for cash donations, to buy raffle tickets, or to take part in one of the many pesky auctions. Auctions raise a lot of money and are semi-easy to put on, but I regularly hear that many of the attendees are annoyed and bored with the constant talking. Maybe the auctions should have closed ballot bids, or quick calls for the smaller items. My fellow event producers and I are always searching for new ideas. So if you have any, send them in to me at my PO box listed below.

I would like to have everyone keep in mind that these contributions may hurt in the pocket, but we have not put the AIDS crisis behind us yet and we still have to fight. So we need to think smarter and put our limited resources to maximum use. This is why you have to donate to the causes that are toeing the line by keeping their administrative costs down and serving the needs of the future, not the past.

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SACRAMENTO DYKE DADDY

Saturday, June 19, was the Sacramento Dyke Daddy contest. Many titleholders from all over California showed up to give their support. The V.I.P. list consisted of Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93), Lil Cooper (Ms. East Bay Leather '92), John Yant (Mr. Sacramento Valley Leather '93), Jana (Int'l Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '93), plus many more very supportive titleholders. The competent panel of judges included Calvin Lindberg, Mark Tartal, Kim Walace (Ms. Leather Sacramento '87), BC (SF Dyke Daddy I), Skeeter (SF Dyke Daddy II) and Edison Key (Ms. South Bay Leather '91). Fantasies were, as usual, a big hit with the crowd. Donna Shrout (Ms. Nor. Calif. Leather), with her wonderful cleavage, gave the crowd a great show. Along with Donna, Heidi Bear (Ms. South Bay Leather '93) and Wendy Gail gave another wettening fantasy. Carolina (Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '92) gave away her birthday spankings to one of her friends. I will have to remember that trick. Shannon Morgan walked away with the honor of being named Sacramento's Dyke Daddy 1993. Jennifer Boyd (Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '93) and Randy Carlyle, the producers of this event, deserve the credit for raising close to $400 for a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center for women.

DADDY'S DAY AUCTION

Sunday, June 20, was a very hot day at the SF Eagle's Father's Day Auction and Beer Bust. The patio had so many men and boys without their shirts, you needed to be wearing sunglasses to shield your eyes from the glare. Don Thompson was the mastermind behind this event. This is the third time we have been able to participate in the "Leather Dating Game" during beer busts at the Eagle. This is not your everyday orthodox type of game. The questions that the daters ask the datees are sometimes off the wall.

RAINBEAU

It seems that Rainbeau knows every type of person in the world! On Friday, June 25, Rainbeau had her first major self sponsored event at the Kennel Club, and there were all types of people there. Even I was amazed by the diversity. The place was packed and people were dancing their hearts away. Of course, the colorful entertainer, Rainbeau, gave an outstanding performance. You can see Rainbeau soon at the Mr. Int'l Deaf Leather Contest at the SF Eagle and at the Russian River Leather Weekend at Ziggurat, both on Saturday, Aug. 14.

THE PHOENIX ANNIVERSARY

Again, this party was beyond belief. Saturday, the 26th of June, on the eve of the Gay Pride Parade, the Phoenix Uniform Club had over 450 people attend their anniversary. For the first hour the club greeted everyone who came through the door, announcing each name over the sound system. The hosted bar was tended by Lupe (Ms. SF Leather '92), Serena (Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '92) and Grant (Mr. Watering Hole '91). City Swing and the Fabulous Gail Wilson played on all night long and everyone had a ball. There were some real cuties in both uniforms and leather. The food was very good and the Green Room (in the War Memorial Building) was perfect for the event. If you haven't dropped in on the Phoenix Club yet, I recommend you do so soon. Another good job guys!!!

PRIDE PARADE

Sunday, June 27, was a day of spectacular weather for the parade. A large number of people turned out in spite of the controversy over the theme, "Year Of The Queer." Having the route going down Market to the Embarcadero was a great idea. There seems to be a lot more room and less hassle with traffic congestion. There were so many booths I could not find the one I was looking for. There were quite a few leather folk and even some leather boys wearing the new fad of pleated white skirts. I heard some dance music, but could not find any stage. I didn't like the theme any more than the next person, and was disappointed by the lack of cohesion that resulted. There apparently was a second parade permit issued to those protesting the theme. Anyone has the right to protest whatever bothers them, but we need to show that we can work out our problems within our own community. Our lack of unity could be seen as weakness. The parade committee should come up with recommendations for the theme, route and rules, and then put these up for a vote at a community election. Publications in the Bay Area should post these recommendations, and the time and place of the election. Since everyone has the right to vote, no one will have an excuse to complain about not being included. We may not get what we personally want, but it will be majority rule.

SKEETER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Skeeter (SF Dyke Daddy II) is having a "Nerd Contest" at the Eagle on Friday, July 9, at 8 pm. Many titleholders have agreed to participate as contestants, and I can't wait to see how funny they will look. Money raised from this event will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund and breast cancer research.

VERBAL GAY BASHING BY GAYS

I am compiling an article on verbal and political gay bashing by other gays within our own community and would like to get any examples or feedback from you. I have had many people come to me over the past year and tell me their stories, and I feel it is necessary to address this problem. Send me your comments so I can include your feelings on this subject.

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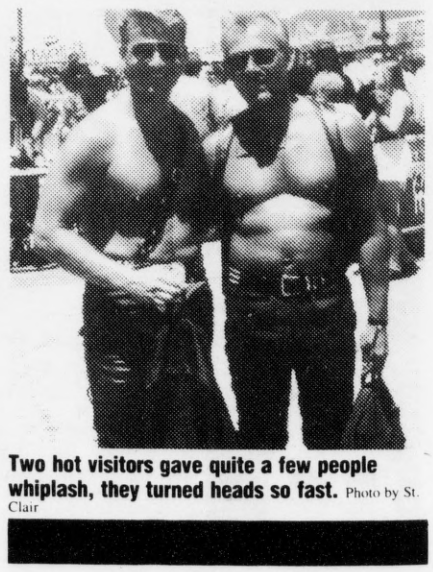

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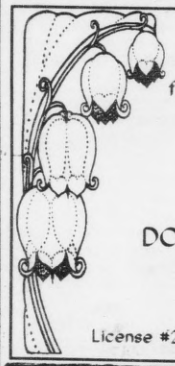

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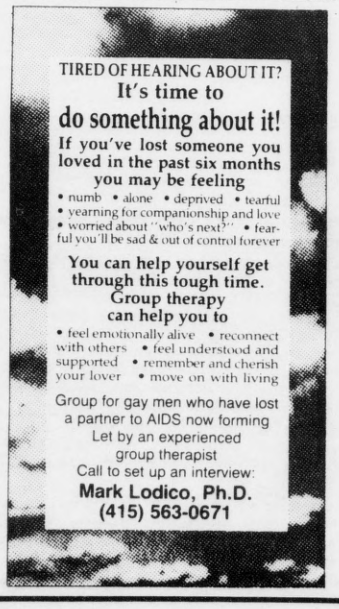
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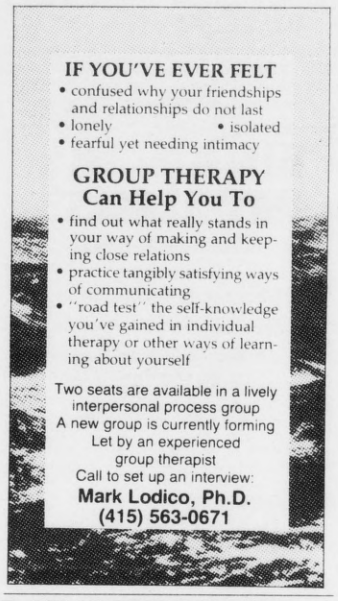
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Letters...

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More Than AIDS Education

In the past few years, there has been a growing effort to educate the public about AIDS, HIV and the use of condoms. But for some men, learning the facts about how HIV is transmitted or making the commitment to practice safer sex has simply not been enough. They have heard it all a dozen times and are still unsafe. Why?

As with trying to stop smoking, to curb excessive drinking, or to stick with a diet, the impulse for gratification can be overpowering. As much as people need information, they also need a place to put that information into practice. And as hard as people strive to stay safe, they need a place that offers them the support to keep their commitments. That is why ARIES was developed: a 14-week group counseling program where men who have sex with men can talk on the phone with trained counselors and learn how to get sexually safer.

"Though the participants already know the facts about HIV and AIDS," says Dr. Roger Roffman, director of ARIES, "our counselors focus on the problems many people face when trying to get safer and help clients learn how to overcome difficult challenges." According to Roffman, "Men are very positive about the group support they receive, and in the past year we have come to appreciate how the men help each other deal with the uncertainties of safer sex, learn how to set safer sex goals and become more and more skillful at meeting their goals.

"ARIES fills a gap in the fight against AIDS, and since our toll-free number (1-800-999-7511) can be used from anywhere in the United States, men from everywhere in America have called to become part of a telephone group," says Roffman. Currently, ARIES is running 17 groups every week, which means men from communities all over America are working together to get sexually safer.

The men who call ARIES are of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and professions. Some are married, some are closeted; some consider themselves gay while some identify as bisexual. Some men live in communities with a lot of gay support and other men live in small and isolated communities. And all these men have something in common—they need a place to make safer sex happen.

ARIES is now helping men in 47 states and has taken calls from nearly 4,000 people interested in what telephone counseling is all about. "Some of the men are really worried that people they know or work with will find out about their sexuality. So much so that they don't look for help," says Roffman, "but since this program is done entirely over the phone, a man can be anonymous if he chooses."

Those who are interested in more information about ARIES can call toll-free: 1-800-999-7511.

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the personals

WOMEN

Looking For Dance Partner

Wanna 2-step, salsa, mambo, etc. Looking for a woman, 21-37, who is seriously interested in partner dancing, mostly following, occasionally leading. Availability during week & weekends. Let's dance. I'm flexible about how often. Romance is not guaranteed but not ruled out. Be adventurous (I'm trying to be). Call or write for details. Reply BT Box JY1A or call ★★7283.

A Little Shy

But funny and sweet. (Well, my mother thinks I'm funny.) I'm 31, Jewish and a nurse. I'm family-oriented and enjoy singing, writing, long political arguments, animals, DH Lawrence, Dostoevski, *The New Yorker* (and Stephen King); Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt (and Rod Stewart—and Donna Summer!!! What can I say? I grew up in the '70s and am genetically programmed to love this stuff). I'm an idealist and want to change the world (and eat a lot of chocolate). Will you change it with me? I promise I won't sing "Forever Young." Reply BT Box JY2A or call ★★7284.

Restless suburban GWF with active imagination seeks 30-50 y.o. for sexual friendship. I'm a book-lover, with a sense of humor, athletic, curious, energetic & stable. Looking to meet like-minded individual. Call ★★7285.

Friends First

Spiritual, affectionate, intelligent, big on personal growth, healthy lifestyle, socially active, well-developed sense of humor, outgoing, honest, playful, creative, lesbian who loves a variety of outdoor and indoor activities. You are 40-55, of any race, androgynous, with similar qualities. I live in SF. Call ★★7286.

Matters Of The Heart...

Mind and spirit are primary for this early 40s psychologist. Patient planting, weeding, pruning and the experience of flowers in bloom are intrinsic loves in gardening and relationship. I'm financially stable, active, slim, enjoy music and love children and laughter. I'm seeking like-minded souls to explore mutual values, companionship and maybe love? Call ★★7287.

Someone To Believe In

Attractive feminine GWF professional seeks same between the ages of 30-42 for a monogamous long-term relationship. If your past relationships are behind you and you want to start anew let's talk. I enjoy dining, theater, weekend getaways, nature, romantic evenings cuddling and sex! Must be a nonsmoker/substance-user who's not afraid of commitment and love. Call ★★7288.

I Want It All!

A great relationship with someone who's attractive, fun, intelligent, occasionally silly, sensitive and devoted. Like me! We'll laugh, cuddle, have fantastic sex and stimulating conversations. If you appreciate the arts, even better. I'm somewhat short, slim and femme, and don't smoke. I like women a bit zoftig. Preferably SF dwellers. Give me a call. I don't bite, except in bed when encouraged to do so. Call ★★7289.

Reach Out And Connect

Are you finding it difficult to meet others in your own age group for companionship? I'm wishing to cultivate relationships with a few positive-minded, energetic, professional, non-controlling, nonsmoking women, age 40-55. I enjoy Pt. Reyes, Napa Valley, neat shops, coffee bars, nice restaurants, movies, theater, stimulating conversation, silliness, cooking at home, waterfronts, hilltops, redwood forests, coastal highways, galleries, jazz, outdoor concerts, etc. Prefer East Bay, Contra Costa and Solano counties. Call ★★7290.

Fly Me To The Moon

Single, Black, butch, 41, easygoing, kind, a bit shy at first, affectionate, sensitive, faithful, average looks and intelligence, works, seeking feminine women striving for the moon. Let's talk and compare interests, values, likes and dislikes, ambitions, goals and lifestyle preferences. If we're compatible, let's take off. Take a risk. Please no rebounders, or confused, unhappy or indecisive women. Anyone who responds will receive an answer. Call ★★7291.

Women Friends

Happy in LTR, yet sometimes find myself lonely for others in my life to talk and laugh with, listen to music, see movies, comedy shows, etc. Am 25 y.o., smart, sometimes funny, sometimes serious with a well-developed wilder side. Seeking women of all types to share some of the above or dinners out, shopping, reading, day trips and children (car and kids yours). What about you? Reply BT Box JY3A or call ★★7292.

If Not Now, Then When?

If not here, then where? Let's have some summer fun. I'm looking for SF women who want more in their lives. I have time and energy to be friends, hang out, date, go slow, sex. Not necessarily in that order. Maybe El Rio on Sunday afternoon, running after work, the Box on Thursday night. Call the number for details about me. Call ★★7293.

Dyke Dating

34-yr-old, dyke grad student, politically active with radical analysis and progressive agenda, concentrating on personal growth, community service, and fledgling career, wants to date (brunch/dinner out/in, galleries, movies, live performances, cafe conversation, nature hikes) out dykes, 30s, who have spent substantial time romance-free and are clear about their personal identities and desires, and who are seriously committed to something bigger than themselves. NS/ND. Call ★★7294.

Noe Valley

Lesbian, 45, athletic, enthusiastic soul-searcher seeking lesbian friends, 38+, to share ideas and thoughts, and to have fun with (e.g., photography, antique browsing, hiking, birding, movies, museums, theaters, eating out, to name a few things). I'm not in search of LTR, but would love to have someone to help me explore my new city, SF. Call ★★7295.

East Bay Or San Francisco

Active, responsible, intelligent and laughing, 39 y.o. women searching my horizon for a lesbian or bisexual partner who enjoys romance, companionship, love and sex. Please be pet friendly, comfortable with yourself and committed to equality and quality in relationships. Write to A.L., PO Box 28235, Oakland 94612 or call ★★7296 and tell me about your dreams and realities.

Marriage-Minded, Family-Type Androgynous Lesbian

Title describes both of us. I'm white, 27, reddish hair, blue eyes, 5'2", 130. I work, have a 3-year-old child. I'm serious, easygoing, understanding. I like music, outdoors, movies, video games, activities with child. Woman of my dreams will have good looks, be down-to-earth, monogamous, like children, have a good job, want a long-term living together relationship. Reply BT Box JY4A.

Sexy Femme Wanted

I'm smart, kind, honest, well-educated, sex-positive top, great sense of humor, extremely sexy, attractive, adventurous, sensitive, safe, considerate, loving, physically fit, clean. Love life, am into self-growth, incurable romantic, positive outlook, sane. Seeks same in gorgeous (5'6" and under) feminine woman (bottom) who loves hot sex with an insatiable stud. Lesbians only, 30+. NS, ND. Call ★★7297.

Looking For A Heart Of Gold

I'm an attractive, petite, 27 y.o., Asian who enjoys the theater, classical, jazz, and danceable music, running after tennis balls, hearty laughs, and honest conversation. If you hate games, are feminine, professional, attractive, NS/ND, romantic, fun, and savor the quiet of a morning, the fire of an evening sky, and every moment in between, why not call and say, "Hello..." Call ★★7298.

Hey, Grandma, Where's The Beef?

We have the hides. June weddings are bygones and a move is to come. Free personals entice pacing lion to probe the meaning of "We do it your way!" If you won't shuffle off to Buffalo, just say my word, "Whoa," and I'll play on a freeway. Holy cow (dyke), am I in trouble now? If so, let me know! Call ★★7299.

Friends Of Hot Tomato

Want to help her find her soulmate. She loves play, people, pets, passion, plants, prayer, painting. An artist and a thinker, 50, 5'3", who welcomes 12-steppers, nonsmokers, no drugs/alcohol. Write... BT Box JY5A or call ★★7300.

Let's Have A Ball!

Sensual, playful, outrageous femme seeks butch lover for romance, friendship and deep companionship. I am psychologically astute, sober, and emotionally secure. Great communication, sense of hilarity, play and fun essential! Spiritually oriented, clean & sober—secure in your butchness? Women in mental health professions especially welcome. Call ★★7301.

Summertime Is Here

Greetings from a good-natured, good-humored, bright (and tall), 33-year-old East Bay woman. I'm an easygoing, financially stable professional (but not career-obsessed) who enjoys exploring the Bay Area, lingering in restaurants and cafes, traveling, films, music, and children. I value honesty, good communication, friendship, integrity and laughter. I'm fit, but not sports-type, and am looking to meet similar East Bay or SF women, 30-45, non-butch, for coffee, dating and maybe more. Call ★★7302.

It's Great To Be A Dyke

Thoroughly enjoying my lesbian life, but I'd like to spice it up with a dash of romance. I'm a 29-yr-old, tall, slinky babe, seeking a woman (20-35) who shares an appreciation of the outdoors, sports, good conversation, lying naked in the sun and silly jokes. Call ★★7303.

I Am Passionate

About romance, humor, learning, growing, honesty and no-games communication; long massages, long, hot kisses and your undivided attention in bed. I adore flowers, foot rubs, good wine (in moderation), softball, tennis, dinner parties with friends, the A's, movies, the *Chronicle*, children, camping, and quiet nights at home in front of the TV. I am 37, thickly built, spiritual (not religious), NS, playful, supportive, curious as a kitten and enjoy giving as much as receiving. But enough about me—tell me about you. PO Box 3265, Oakland 94609 or call ★★7304.

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Fat (400#+), 41-yr-old, white, show butch craves the company of femmes for conversation with

Dykes To Watch Out For

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THAT'S GREAT, SWEETHEART! I'M SO PROUD! UM... WHAT HAPPENED TO THE JOB WITH THAT FIRM, THE ONE THAT PAYS TWICE AS MUCH?
THIS WORK IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT! PLUS I'LL HAVE WAY MORE RESPONSIBILITY. LET'S GO OUT AND CELEBRATE!
OH, CLARICE.. I'M WORN OUT. I DIDN'T SLEEP WELL LAST NIGHT. MY ANKLES ARE SWOLLEN, MY BACK ACHES... WOULD YOU MIND JUST GOING AND GETTING SOME TAKEOUT FROM THE TOPAZ?
OH. OKAY. YOU PHONE THE ORDER IN AND I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
VROOM!
HEY, CLARICE! PULL UP A CHAIR!
WE WERE JUST HOLDING AN INFORMAL REVIEW OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION.
OH, DON'T GET ME STARTED! IF THE GUY SAYS ONE THING, YOU CAN TRUST HE'LL DO THE OPPOSITE.
WE SHOULD'VE HAD A CLUE WHEN HE IMMEDIATELY ABANDONED HIS CAMPAIGN PLEDGE TO TAKE IN HAITIAN REFUGEES.
HOW ABOUT HIS LATEST BACK-OFF FROM LIFTING THE MILITARY BAN? SAYS IT'S A "LEGITIMATE CONCERN" THAT "OUR COUNTRY DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ENDORSING A GAY LIFESTYLE."
AHH, ENDORSE MY BUTT, BILL.
AND NOW LANI GUINIER! HE NOMINATES HER, THEN AS SOON AS THE RIGHT WING STARTS THEIR DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN, HE LEAVES HER TWISTING IN THE WIND!
GOD FORBID HE SHOULD FIGHT FOR AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN IN CHARGE OF CIVIL RIGHTS WHO MIGHT ACTUALLY CHANGE SOMETHING.
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Does this sound like a come on? It is! Me: 5'9", GWF, long hair, slim, very pretty, feminine, stable and fun to be with. I like movies, slow dancing, music (all kinds except country), candlelight dinners, weekends away at the beach, fine wine and spending time with you. You: pretty, feminine, sensitive, with a good sense of humor. Let's get together! Call. ★★7306.

Help Me Clone Her

There's this snotty butch top woman that what I want to do to her is throw her up against the wall and beat on her some and then tie her down and fuck her but she's too snotty and weird so I want to clone her. Also I want to find out what color her pubic hair is from how it tastes and maybe make her lick my boots too and like it. Can you help? Reply BT Box JY7A or call ★★7307.

Where Are

The sisters? GBW seeks woman of color to fall passionately in love with and spend the rest of my life with. She must be age 30-50, 5'-5'6", 110-180 lbs., very femme and like it. Spiritual, funny, bright, communicative, understanding above zero, romantic, love animals, children, surprises, outdoors, but most of all want a partnership. If you're the marrying type, call ★★7308.

Laughing A Lot

Looking for exceptional woman, preferably 27-35, unequivocally honest, smart, courageous, though not fearless, emotional, physical, passionate about life, political, personal; a well-versed friend, able to love and be loved kindly and fiercely, no matter what; who lives creatively and enjoys exploring human beings, nature, solutions to world problems, and laughing. Laughing a lot. Shall we challenge and inspire each other? No chemical vices. Letter preferred. PO Box 1591, Oakland 94604 or call ★★7309.

Sexy Tattooed City Girl

GWF, 5'5", 26, 120 lbs., shoulder-length brunette, brown eyes. Curvy, pretty, non-professional. Wicked humor, sensitive, loving, adventurous, affectionate, independent. Seeking pretty/cute femme or soft butch, brunette or redhead, 22-40. Be honest, fun, single, fit, street smart, witty, non-conventional. Love picnics, romance, spicy food, Lenny Kravitz, meaningful conversation, sharing intimate friendships. Let's meet soon—summer's here! Call ★★7310.

I Dare You

Desire is growing in me. Could you cure this wanting? I dare you to give our lust a chance. I'm into tattoos & piercings. I'm 20 yrs. old, brown eyes, burgundy short hair, 5'5", 115 pounds. Feed this hunger, you won't regret it. Call ★★7311.

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Wanted: A lesbian who is warm, affectionate, courageous, communicative, fun, sensitive, trustworthy, self-aware, emotional, involved in personal, spiritual or creative growth. I want to build a long-term, monogamous relationship with a nonsmoker over 35. I'm 41, ethnic, passionate, playful, all of the above and more. So call and let's see what's possible for us. All races, ethnic groups. Call ★★7313.

My Dance Card Is Full

But so what if you look like Martina. Wanted: powerful loins, perfect timing, the threat of a backhand, the ability to hold back... a winning smile. Gorgeous/gregarious strawberry blonde has no time for endless volleys. If you think you can take me to breakpoint, send photo of forearm. Reply BT Box JY8A or call ★★7314.

Santa Cruz Lesbian

Butch leather biker chic, 38, cute, sex Goddess, looking for femme medium-built babe for fun in the outdoor world. NA, ND, NS preferred. Please write and send photo. Reply BT Box JY9A.

Think Big!!!

Big butch. Big heart. Big dick. Small fists. Seeking fun femme babe who knows what she wants. No do-me queens please. Call ★★7315.

Let's Do Chinese...

East Bay: attractive, friendly, strong character, professional Asian—40s young—would like to share laughter, dining, dancing, films, arts and travels. Gun shy for LTR, but won't slam door on Cupid. Definitely appreciate: GWF, late-30s-early-40s (femme-androgynous), be slim, professional, warm, honest, smokeless and drug-free. Contrasting cultures should be interesting—curious? What's stopping you? Call ★★7316.

Summer Me, Winter Me And With Your Kisses...

Morning me, evening me... may the color of our souls create a sweet autumn. Patiently waiting for our paths to cross, visualizing the excitement of sharing the beautiful seasons of living. I am active, caring, love outdoors, animals and children. Love to share from the heart. Let's create a miracle! Fun, laughter, sensuality, gentleness are just around the corner. Call ★★7317.

I'm Wonderful, You're Wonderful

Smart, funny, good-looking and available 37-year-old Aquarian seeks passionate and compassionate companion for friendship, romance, possible LTR. If you care deeply about one (or more) of the following, let's talk: reading, writing, walking/hiking, natural history, music, art, film, making out, making love, feminism(s), endless conversation, children, spirituality. You are any class, race, age, woman-born. No drugs, alcohol, cigarettes. Call ★★7318.

How Long Before My Bisexuality Expires?

Help renew my membership! Dig: buzz-headed, dress-wearin' BiWF, 30, artist, writer, stoner, ignorer of sexual stereotypes, sometimes beautiful/plain, seeks funny, emotionally deep, sexually uninhibited women for friendship, smoochin' and slippery sex. No duh! Everyone likes movies, walks on the beach and fireplaces. Question is: do we like each other? Drama/trauma mamas steer clear, thanks! Call ★★7319.

Enough!

You just want to meet a witty, kind and interesting gal; someone who's bratty enough to have fun with. Me too! I'm 34, tall, "butchish," swimmer's build, dark blue eyes, friendly, adventuresome and a great kisser. I look good in leather. You are attractive, femme and possess a sense of humor and maybe a bit of an attitude. You love hot tubs, film noir and sex. You detest macrame. Call ★★7320.

RSTLNE (Not)

How about somewhat closeted, very attractive, good-looking, feminine and kind, with a loving personality and a genuine heart. Add: intelligence, humor, wit, honesty, integrity and a healthy sense of self. Combine: mid-30s, professional, fun-loving, romantic and normal, with a touch of red pepper for taste. I am exclusively interested in meeting other feminine, attractive, professional, stable, healthy, intelligent women, 30s to 40s, for fun, new friendships, dating, and perhaps more. Sense of humor and laughter required. Reply BT Box JY10A.

Sexy Older Butch:

S—Want more evidence of our compatibility, sexually speaking? Of all the women who read this paper you were the only one who answered my ad. Twice. What do we do now? You know my number. ILYS, K.

Dissing Descartes: Cogito Ergo Cum

Artsy, 24, and unquestioningly bi Aries theory-head WF with voluptuous mind and body wants a smart sexy and serious fun(ny) woman who fucks with her brain, thinks with her flesh, and is into blurring distinctions between minds and bodies. Extra slippage for girls who like Judy Butler, fetishize videocameras and dance, eat, talk and laugh excessively. Call now. (Fatphobes can fuck off.) Call ★★7321.

I'm Looking For You

You are a woman who knows what she wants and is willing to take the risk to get it. You are emotionally available, not afraid of intimacy and desire a monogamous relationship. You know yourself well enough to communicate your thoughts and feelings. You crave affection, are consumed with passion, cute cuddly, non-butch, sensitive, nonsmoker (or drugs) and in your 20s-30s. I love music, romance, candlelight dinners, and most of all I love sending flowers and cards. I enjoy working out, dancing, coffee shops and reading the Sunday paper in bed. I am tall, slender, short hair, androgynous. If you too are searching for all of the above, please respond. This East Bay woman is looking for you. Call ★★7322.

I'm Kind Of A Normal Schlep...

Who is ready to meet that oh-so-special woman for fun, adventure and (dare I say) long-term love. I'm 30something, Jewish and a lover of the outdoors. I like to go dancing, traveling, hiking and swimming just as much as I like to indulge in culinary activities, good coffee or go to the movies. If you're active, progressive and spirited, appreciate honest communication and you're not into the bar scene (except for dancing), take an extra breath and give me a call! Call ★★7323.

Resume

Careers: (1) mother of 2 sons; (2) student; (3) writer; (4) work with children/families/self-esteem. Politics: anti-war/anti-violence/anti-racist/anti-sexist. Lifestyle: sober, vegetarian (you need not be), and busy. Residence: East Bay. Age: 39. Ethnicity: African American/Jewish. Seeking: now—dates/friendship, eventual LTR. Attractions: compassionate women who work with children are particularly alluring. Others considered if not drug/alcohol addicted. Prefer 35+. Reply BT Box JY11A or call ★★7324.

LTR

Exciting, passionate butch top, 55 and youthing, seeks playmate for hot sex, dancing at Royce's, comedy at Josie's and a lifetime of loving. 5'4", mental health professional, muscular build, athletic, NS/ND, prefers an attractive, shapely, lipstick femme on my arm. We bring to a relationship our personal growth, deep sense of commitment and a willingness to explore feelings and intimacy alongside our laughter, joy for life and spontaneity. Call ★★7325.

Wouldn't It Be Great

To be able to make some solid, long-lasting friendships? Me: outdoorsy, dog lover, painter, honest, committed, intelligent, good listener as well as good talker—am looking to acquire new friends who have free time to get to know each other and hang out. I'm 30 y.o., live in East Bay; hope you do as well. Call ★★7326.

I Am If You Are:

SWF, semi-full figured with an outgoing personality; a great passion for all creatures. Enjoy "all contact sports," whitewater rafting, scuba diving, hiking, softball, the theater, women's events, weekend getaways, walks along the beach playing tag in the tidepools, lazy Sunday brunches, long conversations by the fire & wishing upon falling stars. I am if you are willing to take a chance. Call ★★7327.

All I Want

Is artful conversation while making out. No... No, that's not all I want. I want spiritual hedonism... I want... (oh, the ecstasy/agony of being a Gemini). Help me. Please me. (Over 30, please.) Call ★★7328.

Not Completely Hopeless

37 y.o., semi-neurotic, post-therapy, sometimes cool, occasionally paranoid, rarely homicidal girl would like to meet similar intellectual, emotional, political, intuitional artistic types for a thoroughly anxiety producing experience. Are you up for it? Reply BT Box JY12A or call ★★7329.

Equals/Lovers/Best Friends

39 y.o. lesbian looking for new relationship seeks to meet other SF single lesbians wanting same. I'm self-employed, fit, well-educated, friendly and happy. I love pets. Main hobbies: taking ballet classes and reading. I'm a NS, not into religion, separatism, 12-steps, drama, neurotics or drugs. Light alcohol OK. Please be dependable, honest, down-to-earth and have great sense of humor. Call ★★7330.

SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★7426.

Lesbian Widow In So. Marin

41. Lost my lover very suddenly to cancer last year. Are there any other women out there in similar circumstances? Interested in hikes, walks, talks, maybe a meal? Not up for romance, seeking friends. Your age, race, looks, personal habits unimportant. Open to spiritual investigation or not, just beginning. Maybe we can help each other on this long, hard journey. Call ★★7427.

Tennis Anyone?

38-yr-old lesbian looking for weekend tennis mate. My game is one of good form but inconsistent due to lack of practice. I love to play & would like regular practice. Noe Valley is preferred. Call & let's see if it works. Call ★★7428.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★7429.

Cross-Country Companion

32-year-old woman looking for a woman to drive cross-country from SF to East Coast (Wash. DC area) around August 1. Share driving, expenses, etc. I have a car. Please call for more information. Call ★★7430.

Trying To Join The Baby Boom?

Not having such an easy time getting pregnant? Small group forming for lesbians who are inseminating. Give & get support during this not-so-easy process. Help each other through the cycles. Especially looking for women who have been trying for longer than five (5) months. Call ★★7431.

East Bay magazine and video collector seeking other collectors to trade and/or borrow videos and magazines. Call ★★7432.

Women Rockers!

SF all-female, non-professional party band needs singer and bass player. We do rock covers, from Gene Vincent to the Rolling Stones (no "Kumbaya"). We're looking for people who are committed but fun, and definitely not P.C. Minimal experience okay—just be passionate about rock and roll. Call ★★7433.

Squash Players

Lesbian looking for someone to play squash with. I'm back in SF after two years on the East Coast, where I discovered and fell in love with the game of squash. I'm an intermediate level player with mostly hardball experience, but I'm interested in improving my softball skills. Call ★★7434.

Book Club

Co-sexual group forming for reading (or re-reading) good books. Primary focus on fiction, but open to works of all genres and periods. Monthly meetings will be hosted by rotation and focus on one work. Discussion fun and informal, but you shouldn't be intimidated by serious writers. Call ★★7435.

Attn: Music Lovers

Looking for persons interested in playing music (folk, rock, blues) and/or attending local concerts, especially in women's music (Mama Bears, Bodega, etc.). No heavy drug users, clean and sober preferred. East Bay a plus. Please call ★★7436.

Friends

Lonely, intelligent gay man, spiritual (not a religious fanatic!), desperately seeks genuine, humble, unconditional friends. I want to touch the inner you & find others who can uplift me also. Need to totally alleviate my extreme loneliness & feelings of isolation. I'm WM, mid-40s, HIV-. Very serious and I will respond to all deep, unpretentious, sincere, good people having this need. Also, prefer 35 and up. Call ★★7437.

Queer Poker Anyone?

Novice group of gay men and lesbians plays for fun and spare change. The table conversation isn't bad either. Meet every other Thursday in the Castro. Call ★★7438.

Traveling

Clean & sober lesbian seeks companions for any part of trip to Seattle, then east through South Dakota Badlands, Minneapolis, New York. Share expenses, camping, etc. Leave July 5. Call ★★7439.

FTM Alternative Healthcare

FTM/TS self-help support group forming to deal with natural medicine and therapies, consumer advocate issues, pre- & post-care, etc. No money involved. Call ★★7440.

BISEXUAL

Married BiWM, age 29, seeks other bisexual man who is also in a primary long-term relationship with a woman. I'm looking for conversation, friendship and possibly sex—it all depends. I'm well-educated, articulate and athletic. I am focused on my primary relationship; however, my spouse and I agree that my bisexuality needs to be expressed in its proper proportion. Your letter gets mine. Reply BT Box JY300A or call ★★7390.

S/M Play On The Edge

Hot, powerful, intuitive, experienced, masculine, straight-appearing, mostly dominant but switchable WM, 43, 5'10", 195#, seeking women/men/TV/S for hot erotic power play. PO Box 1834, Fremont 94538 or call ★★7391.

Female Sex Worker Wanted

BiWM seeks female sexworker for a personal relationship. I give erotic massages to gay and bi men. It's difficult to meet a woman who understands this. I've been mostly gay for the past 10 yrs. and I want a woman in my life again. I'm warm-hearted and easygoing, HIV-, play safe, 39 y.o. and live in SF. No money involved. Call ★★7392.

GWM Seeks Female Partner

34 y.o., 6'3", 220, GWM, interested in exploring hetero sex but w/a gay attitude. Prefer lesbian interested in same experiment. Compassionate, caring. Call ★★7393.

Womyn 18-58 And Myn 18-21

Call me. I'm 25, tattooed, pierced. Interests include musick, books and sex. Call ★★7394.

Previously straight, newly bi, very inexperienced and safe but adventurous single WM, 33, 5'4", trim muscular gymnast type physique, handsomely hairy body, bald, moustache, very attractive, firm, tight, submissive bottom; masculine, very affectionate, bright, grad student, smoke-, alcohol-, disease-free. Seeking strong, generous, intelligent, straight-acting, assertive top for intimate relationship. Age, race unimportant. Smoke-, alcohol-free, taller than me, stocky, heavy or muscular builds are pluses. HIV- and complete discretion a must. I'm completely open emotionally and supportive of your needs, concerns and interests as well as being totally non-judgmental and adventurous and willing to accommodate any of your unfulfilled fantasies if deemed safe healthwise. Please write with full self-description, what you have to offer, and what you'd like to do to me. PO Box 31504, SF 94131.

Just For Fun

I'm womanly soft, athletically firm (and sometimes unusually hard) and, just for fun, seeking a big, strong, bisexual man with a hairy body to add some male energy to my woman-centered life. Since mutual attraction cannot be devined from the written word, we can only meet and find out if, just for fun, you call ★★7395.

Sonoma County

Handsome, 42, HIV- male explores married bisexuals, closeted blue collar men with thick thighs. You're 25-45 and wear boxers or jockey shorts. No hair spray—no jewelry. Write PO Box 2538, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★7396.

Do You Play Out Fantasies? Roles?

BiWM seeks bisexual woman, 40-65+, any race, not too overweight. I am spiritual, humorous, intellectual, mature, average looks, 5'11", 244 lbs., hairy, moustache. I like: lots of sex, conversation, nudity, music, videos, photography, astrology, beaches and many other interests. You can have or be in relationships with women. I like a relationship or intimate friendship that is caring, non-judgmental, nurturing, and women who are open-minded, easygoing, creative, passionate, loving. Write to: PO Box 7624, Fremont 94537 or call ★★7397.

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TRANS

Novice Cross-Dresser

Hot intuitive BiWM, 40s, 5'10", 195#, enjoys playing in lingerie, seeks playmates for gender-role fantasy play. I'm pierced, tattooed & interested in bondage-S/M, as a top or bottom. I'm healthy, open, discreet, positive outlook, kinky yet sane, educated & fun to be with and desire friends, either or both and women, men, couples, TV, TS, or any combination thereof... Write: PO Box 1834, Fremont 94538 or call ★★7413.

Straight But Curious

In-shape, healthy, good-looking straight WM, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, curious. Interested in meeting a sexy, sensual transgendered partner. PO Box 591372, SF 94159 or call ★★7415.

Avant Garde Queer Latino Man

Seeks Afro-Latinos, Afro-Brasileiros and multi-racial men for real solid friendships (romance is secondary, but I'm open). I welcome open-minded, sane, intelligent, health-conscious, gay, bi or FTM men. My interests: dancing, cafes, "foreign" films, the outdoors, art, international music, etc. Serious only please. Prefer no flakes, Rambo-types, conservatives, alcohol/drugs/smoking. Call ★★7416.

Hot & Sexy Is...

... A self-appreciative, self-respecting, intelligent, petite man, 5'6" or shorter, sensuous, gentle, graceful, with brown bedroom eyes, clean long dark hair, and a hot body (from swimmer's to buffed). I'm: 5'8", 170#, HIV-, intelligent, progressive, FTM man (pre), seeking "hot 'n sexy" man for galleries, cafes, beaches, cinema, etc. Serious only please. Prefer no cross-dressers, racists, 12-steppers, alcohol/drugs/smoking. Call ★★7417.

FTM Alternative Healthcare

FTM/TS self-help support group forming to deal with natural medicine and therapies, consumer advocate issues, pre- & post-care, etc. No money involved. Call ★★7418.

NEW!

MESSAGES

Bay Bridge Tolltaker

You are masculine and have brn/blue, earring left ear, about 5'11", 190 lbs., 35-40, So. accent. Our eyes met, you gave me thumbs up in the rear-view mirror. Beautiful smile & sparkling baby blues. Me: 40 y.o., s/p hair, sexy dark eyes, 5'11", 185 lbs. We're not gym gods, but in decent shape. Golf, roller blade, sports, C/W, soft rock, movies, coffee, versatile sex, demand honesty, admire flexibility & loyalty & savor true love. Gimme the "chem" and we'll make "istry." Hey, Mr. Hot Stuff, take the risk. No active boozers or druggies. Sense of humor a must! Call ★★7466.

El Picador

Of Spanish extraction? Interested in inviting Oscar Wilde, Mozart, Gandhi and Groucho for dinner and mud wrestling? If so, please call. I'd love to talk to you. Call ★★7467.

H.

I left a mixed motive message on your machine last March. Regret not having talked to you then and four years ago. Still have pictures of your SFSU speech, May 1989. Let's begin anew. Call me or leave your number. I'll call. C.N.W. Call ★★7468.

Memorial Day At Pleasuredome

I am Asian and was wearing a turquoise Polo shirt. You are white with dark hair, really cute and were wearing a black Polo shirt. We are both in our 20s. We exchanged glances in the hallway outside the backroom. I went inside the backroom for a few seconds, came back out and you were gone. Would really like to meet you. Call ★★7469.

MEN

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1½ yrs ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box JY70A or call ★★7476.

Long Weekend J/O Sessions

I'm a straight-acting GWM, 39, 6'1", 200 lbs., balding and who's HIV-. I'm seeking another straight-acting GWM, 21 to 45, weight proportional to height or so, and who's HIV-. I want to have long weekend J/O sessions on a regular basis at your place. So, if you're seriously interested, and live from San Jose to San Francisco, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064.

Blond? Redhead? Freckles? Butch Topman?

With a hairy, defined chest, HIV- romantic guy. Me: 37, blond, HIV-, great kisser, 29 waist, defined, smooth, silky white bubble butt. East Bay. Let's soak in my hot tub. Call ★★7477.

Seeking Friend/Relationship

I'm outgoing, attractive GAM, 31, 5'8", 140# and straight acting. I enjoy outdoor activities, dancing, gym, dinner out or quiet evenings at home. I'm interested in meeting a good-looking GWM, 21-31, masculine, down-to-earth and nonsmoker. Waiting to hear from you. Call ★★7478.

Heart-To-Heart

Hello. Mature law student in wheelchair, soon to be a lawyer, also studying to be a stockbroker, seeks courageous, independent, adventurous, spiritual guy with big heart and lots of self-esteem who would like an outgoing and stimulating relationship. If your life is together and you're serious about love and true heart commitment and you're not afraid of a wheelchair, let's meet. PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★7479.

Businessman

Visiting SF four times yearly seeks Chinese/Vietnamese guy for lasting friendship. Am 44, tall, healthy, cleanshaven, easygoing & HIV-. Would love a friendship to evolve into more. I enjoy swimming, movies, stamps, anything one on one. If possible, induce your phone # and photo for mine. Reply BT Box JY71A.

No Pressure

Attractive, in-shape, 40ish, professional GAM in a committed long-term relationship seeks an athletic, 25-50 y.o. GWM for chuckles and an occasional roll in the hay. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs. Be helpful if you enjoy movies, theater, dining and hedonism in general. Blonds go to the front of the line. Three-ways are a possibility. Respond to PO Box 190068, SF 94119.

Go For The Gold!

Very good-looking, successful, relationship-oriented, HIV- man into spiritual and personal growth, looking for someone similar, 32-44, to share the charmed life. Have dream home, wonderful friends and family—now want the rest: someone to love, cherish, travel the world and make dreams come true. Prefer Atherton to Carmel. If similar and have the time and interest to develop a magical relationship, please write with photo (will return). Reply BT Box JY72A or call ★★7480.

Seeking Mature Asian Lover

GWM, 55, looks 45, attractive, professional, warm and caring, with various interests, enjoys a quiet lifestyle, is seeking a gay Asian male, 40 to 55, who wants a loving, long-term relationship to share life's joys and divide life's burdens. I am a nice person with a good heart, and I truly love Asian people. I have lots to offer if you are: slim, HIV-, affectionate/romantic and want to love and be loved. Reply BT Box JY73A.

To All The Special Daddies...

Cute, sexy, energetic, 20s GAM seeks an older, generous, giving, fatherly type GW gentleman to please and love. If you have much to offer and love to spoil a brain and beauty, I offer great companionship, loyalty, commitment and much more. We're both HIV-, attractive, educated, honest and loving. You won't be disappointed. I'm very special, live in the South Bay. Serious only, photo please, letter preferred. Reply BT Box JY74A or call ★★7481.

Seeking Asian

I'm 41, 5'9", 155, HIV-, somewhat introverted, nice-looking & half-bald, fairly muscular & athletic, analytical but sometimes romantic. A software engineer. Like films, computing, poetry, cafes, long walks, talking and touching... I'm seeking a bright GAM, probably my age or younger, who thinks independently, and is available for friendship and hopefully a relationship. If you feel you might be interested, please write describing yourself and interests. Reply BT Box JY75A.

Oral Slave

Good-looking GWM, 5'10", 160 lbs., blond/blue, 34, needs master: G/BiM, 30-50, in-shape or stocky, masc., dominant, verbal. Prefer hairy. Into emotional and physical submission. Collar, bondage, discipline. Hot mouth, deep throat, talented tongue. One time or possible long-term servitude. Call ★★7482.

Tantric Shaman

Seeking partner/student to awaken the Kundalini life force. Am older gay white man and prefer younger man of color for mutual erotic massage and spiritual healing; must be sincere, adventurous and a non-drinker. Just moved to SF—will answer all replies. Experience multiple orgasms and sensuous cleansings. Reply BT Box JY76A or call ★★7483.

HIV+ Latin Top Needed

Prefer Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio; moustache, husky or chunky, tattoos, uncut, mota are a + with me. I'm a 31-yr-old white boy, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, hairy chest and legs, 185 lbs. of cuddlemonster. Call ★★7484.

Where Are All You Fuckin' Punks?

38 y.o. skinhead punk, subversive, tattooed, wildly horny, blue eyes, 5'7", 135 lbs., HIV-. I want to meet punks for safe sex activities that get them hard and sweaty. Also looking to explore social pranks and creating mischief. No racist or fascist fucks need respond. East Bay preferable. Anarchists a plus. Call ★★7485.

Do You Have AIDS?

Any other disease? Or no illness at all? Just lonely, feeling rejected, alienated, or just want a sincere friend? Age, race, sexuality has no significance. Write me. Presently incarcerated. 6'1", AIDS-free, 200 lbs., male, age 28. We're all human & at times need someone to lean on. Let's be friends. #071839, Florida State Prison, PO Box 747, Starke, FL 32091.

Surprisingly 44 Seeks LTR

I'm 5'11", medium build, handsome, cleanshaven, brn/brn, HIV-, with bright sense of humor. Like CW dancing, art rock, theater, classic cars, weekend adventures, camping, movies & the gym. Seeking 25-45-year-old top, NS, HIV-. Race not important; should be trim, affectionate & romantic. Call ★★7486.

Young GAM Wanted

GWM, young 50s, professional, hairy body, HIV-, desires young GAM, 20-35, HIV-, for friendship/fun/relationship. Prefer mid-Peninsula or South Bay. ND. Light smoker/drinker OK. Write G., PO Box 60821, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★7487.

Good-Looking Straight Type GWM

39, 6'1", 200, brown hair/green eyes. Not into

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Asian Friend 40 +

Frequent visitor to SF, prof. GWM, 54, 5'5", 137, NS, ND, in good health, would like to meet GAM of similar height to build a caring friendship or relationship. I'm well-educated and enjoy sharing interests, responsibilities and happy times. Please write to PO Box 500-A115, Brea, CA 92622.

Professional—With Sense Of Humor

I'm a good-looking GWM, 35, 6', 160 lbs., professional, honest, intelligent, sensitive, thoughtful, cleanshaven, HIV-, and have a good sense of humor. I love dogs, enjoy running, cycling, exploring, movies, dinner, conversation, reading, giving and receiving massages, quiet evenings at home. I'm seeking an attractive, intelligent, warm, sensitive, cleanshaven, fit GWM or GAM with compatible interests, under 40, HIV-, NS, ND, for dating and possible long-term relationship. Call ★★7489.

Attention: Small Endowed Men

Those with a small penis and/or those who like them small. Indicate if you have a small one or admire small ones for proper application. SASE required. Serious only need apply. Box 1397, El Cerrito 94530.

If You're Afraid Of An HIV + Person, Do Not Read This Ad!

Now that most readers have moved on to the next ad, I can start my ad for those that may be interested. I'm a 42 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 165-170#, flat-top red hair, blue eyes, glasses, smooth body, cleanshaven, 6¼" cut, healthy, positive, bottom, romantic, light smoker, light drinker, no drugs. I enjoy nudity, beach, movies, cuddling, kissing, quiet times at home, cooking, outdoors, etc. Anyone still reading? I'm seeking a mature minded, white, Asian, American Indian, Latino, between 27 and 38, height/weight thin/proportional, positive/negative, top/versatile, cut/uncut, hung or not, romantic, cleanshaven (moustache OK), smooth body (little hair OK), looking for love/romance or just sex. If you're still reading and are interested, write (with picture if possible, returnable) or call. Reply BT Box JY77A or call ★★7491.

Interested In Dating?

This Berkeley professional wants to meet you for evening and weekend hangouts. We can do movies, sports, dinner, karaoke, or we can just be mellow. Me: GAM, 25, 5'10", 145, Cal graduate. I may be reserved at first, I can warm up if the chemistry is right. You: sweet, under 35, attitude and addiction-free, cleanshaven, HIV-, friendship/relationship-oriented, have sound mind and body. Call ★★7492.

Gay Family Values

Handsome GWM, 35, 5'8", 175 lbs., Italian, HIV-, sincere, nonpretentious, caring, affectionate professional. I work out 4 days a week. Seeking GWM, 29-40, with similar qualities. I enjoy movies, dining, entertaining, hiking, walks on beach, travel and cuddling together. I am a gay father, co-parenting with a friend a wonderful toddler. Looking for friendship, possible relationship. Send photos (will return). Reply BT Box JY78A or call ★★7493.

Getting Better Every Day

Very handsome, 6'2", SF GWM, brown hair/eyes, 36, professional. Not tired of bars; not tired of "scenes"; not really tired of anything. But I would like to meet men 28-35 who enjoy discussions ranging from frivolous to profound, politics to professional sports, Madonna to Roberta Achtenberg. I enjoy dining, weekends at the River, movies and just hangin' out. Intellectual with bizarre eruptions of sick humor. Drop me a line, send a picture. Reply BT Box JY79A.

In Real Life

In real life people say one thing and then they do another. In real life they will break the tender heart of an innocent lover now and then, no big surprise, it happens all the time in real life. So maybe I'm living in a fantasy world but I still believe that somewhere out there lives a man who has been looking for me as long as I have been looking for him. I am an attractive, versatile, Hispanic man, 5'6", 130 lbs. I am asymptomatic HIV +, physically, emotionally and financially stable, 36 years young. My friends all ask me how I have managed to stay single for so long? Well, I've had very many offers and I've kissed a lot of frogs hoping they'd become my Prince Charming. Finally I realized that I am my own Prince Charming. I neither need nor want anyone to sweep me off my feet and carry me off to their castle in the sky. I have my own castle and kingdom now and am looking for someone to share that with. My prince is African American, between 25-45 y.o., masculine yet versatile, strong, stable and independent, but willing and able to establish and maintain a loving, caring and committed relationship. Come share my life, my love, my body and soul. Reply BT Box JY80A or call ★★7494.

Unconventional

Mess up my hair. Cultivate a friendship with this earthy 35 y.o.; 6', 155, perky, cleanshaven, handsome Italian looks. Black hair, brown eyes, 5 o'clock shadow, hairy chest, defined swimmer's body, HIV-. I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hiking, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch, and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, non-pretentious, healthy, caring. Partial to: smooth, unbearded, lean or firm, 20-35, nonsmoking. Share: grace, contagious laughter, spacious mind, tender kiss. Photo please. Reply BT Box JY81A or call ★★7495.

Embarrassed To Death

An ad? Oh my god, don't tell my friends. But it's my friends who fix me up with Quasimodo's brother, so here I am peddling my wares in a gay tabloid. Stats: good-looking, 43 (look 42), HIV-, tall, salt and pepper, very trim, wire-rim glasses. Look at International Male to whack off, but order clothes from J. Crew. Like movies, architecture, Point Reyes, writing. Value quirkiness over "normalness," like people who live in the questions rather than have all the answers. Don't drink or smoke and like men a bit younger, but I'm more interested in spirit and style than stats. Please, dear respondent, be cute, be interesting and be real. Call ★★7496.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Love's About To Change My Heart

GAM, 27, 5'10", 175 lbs., HIV-, seeks straight-acting guys up to 45 for romantic friendship. I enjoy listening to music and have a giant collection of CDs. I also like kissing, cuddling and holding hands. Life's kind of mundane without that someone special. Hopefully by meeting you, the summer of 1993 will become the hottest one ever! Call ★★7497.

Asian Lover Wanted

Bi Asian, 5'11", 175#, seeks a bi/gay Asian who is 5'8" and up, height/weight proportionate, under 35, HIV-, straight-acting, easygoing, sincere, affectionate and sexually assertive. I'm looking for a lover relationship that will enhance our lives, fulfill our inner desires and from there who knows? Call and find out. Call ★★7498.

Everyone Else Has...

A lover but us. A man with good relationships with family & friends. No issues around AA or NA. Comfortable in all environments. I am HIV-, have good ego strength, 6'1", 180 lbs., 35 y.o., gray-haired top. Maybe you could help me understand? Call ★★7499.

Young & Cute Seeks Same

Mid-20s gay guy seeks same. I'm romantic, passionate, love to make out, somewhat dysfunctional, loving, 6'2", 210, br, br, hairy (although I shave some, wink, wink). Looking for future fit friends & sweet guys who are mature & might want someone real in their lives. One-night stands and marriage are not ideal for me, for now. Call ★★7500.

Barely A Bear?

Husky but not hairy, moustached WM, 40something, likes long hot times together with somewhat younger, easygoing guys. I am friendly, intelligent, tall, overweight, good-looking and FrA/P or GrA. I like to explore the world, kick back, and don't like workaholics or size queens. Fun are movies, travel, languages, talks, mountains and rivers. Boxholder, PO Box 640016, SF 94164 or call ★★7501.

Diamond Heights Boy

Attractive, friendly Baja Californian boy, 18 years old, brown hair, brown eyes, 6 ft., 165#, like to have friends and more. Call me. Call ★★7502.

Drifting Away

My old friends seem to be drifting away, but I don't meet many new friends at work. I rarely drink, so I doubt I could find what I'm looking for in bars. I want a friend to go out with or have fun with at home, someone to talk to. More than a one-night thing, but less than a serious relationship (at least for now). I don't expect monogamy (although sometimes it has ended up that way unintentionally). I am: GWM, 44, 6'1", 180#, brown/blue, hairy body, nonsmoker, very light drinker, no drugs, computer professional, semi-vegetarian, quiet, easygoing, one day at a time. I am interested only in someone under 30, with smooth skin, no beard, non/light/moderate drinker, no drugs, and with steady income or serious student. I prefer intelligence with humility, sense of humor, nonsmoker. Dark skin, in-shape body are pluses. My interests: reading, hiking, jogging, beaches, live theater, skiing, photography. Reply PO Box 192384, SF 94119 or call ★★7503.

Uncommon Christian

On spiritual quest to unlock lost knowledge of OT. I'm good-looking, vibrant, well-educated, witty, romantic, 6', 192 lbs., brown hair/eyes, youthful 40s, GWM, superb health (HIV-), energized Trimax'd muscular body. Love life and all its challenges, realizing exercise is key to optimal physical, mental health leading to spiritual acuity. Seeking attractive, youthful GWM companion with similar values to make this romantic adventure. Reply: Box 882201, SF 94188-2201.

Gay white male, 24 years old, black hair, blue eyes, interested in meeting other gay men, ages 24-30, for friends/relationship. Latino, Puerto Rican and Oriental a plus. Call ★★7504.

East Bay

I'm a straight-looking, 48 y.o., 200#, HIV-, NS/ND, blue-eyed professional man who would like to share his experience and love with a younger man toward a possible monogamous LTR. I like dancing, country music, and giving massages. Being Asian would be a plus. Your photo gets mine. Write Box 21, 2250 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94704 or call ★★7505.

Hey Freak—Into Bondage?

Freak weirdo seeks same for regular bondage sessions involving lots of rope and thick/tight gags. You should be decisive, intelligent, mostly (or totally) top, and proficient with rope. Also into spankings. Not into heavy pain, raunch. Relationship possible. Reply BT Box JY82A.

Some Like It Big

And friendly and humorous and athletic (weight-lifting/tennis) w/a touch of passionate romanticism (cuddling, giving great massages). Prof. BM, 36, 6'3", 260, balding, moustached, bearded, HIV-, seeks tall (5'10" +), friendly, humorous, athletic, HIV-, NS/ND (light drinker), medium build, clean-cut WM, 25-35, for friendship (dinners, camping, movies, night beach walks)—maybe more... eventually looking for LTR. Call ★★7506.

Spanking And Kindness

Brother or dad, warmhearted, caring/strict, young 43, 6'2", 173 lbs., trim, safe and sane, HIV-, offers good spanking and kindness to slim, smooth, somewhat boyish guy, 18-32. Limits respected. (I can also receive discipline.) Any race OK. Other interests: massage, eating out, hugs, movies, exercise. Reply: Boxholder, PO Box 14794, SF 94121.

Multi-Ethnic Friends Wanted

GBM, 40 y.o., 5'11", musc., 192#, work out daily, nonsmoker, youthful and athletic, airline professional, visits Thailand and Malaysia on a regular basis, would like to meet honest, foreign-born guys, 18-35, with similar interests, will respond to all. PO Box 880608, SF 94188 or call ★★7508.

Slow Dance

GWM, 30, 6'1", 98% vegetarian, brwn/blue, beard, glasses, Napa area, HIV-, committed to personal/spiritual growth. In helping profession; health-oriented, open-minded, intelligent, honest. I enjoy nature, reading, genuineness, arts, dialogue. I'm independent, free-thinking, individualistic, optimistic, gentle, sensitive and assertive. Interested: LTR—building gradually, trusting the process. Prefer nonsmoker, non/light drinker; someone willing to express feelings, be honest, sincere and reasonably fit. Would like to do a slow dance in getting acquainted. Write or call. Photo nice/not essential. Just be real. Reply BT Box JY83A or call ★★7509.

Quiet GWM, 39, with musical/artistic tendencies, interested in mating with a warm and caring person of any ilk. Call ★★7510.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, drk blond hair, grn eyes, cleanshaven, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★7511.

Queer, Here And Not Getting Over It!

Sweet, gentle, HIV- homo looking for same. Sanity and hopeful outlook appreciated. I enjoy oral sex, riding my bike, books, classical music, 49er football, TV and being queer in San Francisco. You are 30-45, know who you are, want to expand, maybe learn French with me and spend some time getting in and out of bed, getting to know one another. Call ★★7512.

Stuart Smalley + Mr. Subliminal =

My external search for an emotional connection with a centered man who is self-aware and in touch with his child inside. (Looking for a boyfriend...) Our bonding should not be shame-based nor so entrenched in our familial dysfunctions and childhood traumas that we become co-dependent. (Who has a life...) My daily affirmations and deep thoughts allow my self-awareness to recover from past abuses and keep my spirituality intact as I seek to create greater intimacy in my life. (...Horny like me.) Let's get grounded and focus on my issues. (28, 6'4", 225, Anglo, husky, hairy and handsome.) And that's... OK. Call ★★7513.

Racquetball, Bridge And...

Do you play passable racquetball and bridge? In racquetball, I do "D" tournament and am a bit better in doubles. If you can travel, we can play at my club. If you cannot travel, then I can come to your club. My bridge tournament play is good enough not to be embarrassing, but it is not good enough for many match points. I play racquetball for the exercise, the social possibilities and the fun. I play bridge for the competition and the excitement of each new hand. Are you interested in this and a bit more? If so, this 43 y.o., stocky, HIV-, quick, friendly GWM wants to hear from you. Reply BT Box JY84A or call ★★7514.

Gilligan Seeking Skipper

Oakland phallic worship & jack-off obsession. Ritualistic dirty talk, J/O, mutual only with masculine, aggressive GWM while partying/drinking/smoking (share costs). Seeking other buddies. Not into shaved, videos, couples. Age, looks, size unimportant. What's important: (1) buddy-to-buddy scene (no top/bottom); (2) devotion to priapus; (3) late night (10 pm); (4) my place only. Call ★★7515.

Sucking Your Cock

Is what I do best & I love it! But I'm not getting enough! You: AM/LM/WM, under 45, weight in proportion. Me: good-looking, 48 y.o. WM, 5'6", 135#, fit & healthy. I'm told I give an awesome BJ (dentures out) and guys are coming back for more! You should be one! No reciprocation expected. You just lean back and enjoy my warm, eager mouth. Call ★★7516.

Young Couple Seeks Same

Two plus two equals more! Our relationship is very important to us and now we're looking for something more. Are you a young, attractive, committed and loving couple, as we are? He: 24 yrs. old, white grad student. The other he: 25 yrs. old, Asian professional. We enjoy movies, the beach, and long walks exploring the City. We're looking for another couple for friendship, fun, weekend trips and perhaps more. We think you've figured out what "more" means! Reply BT Box JY85A.

Regular Guy

I'm a short, solid, sensual, hairy and x-tra cute WM. In the market for sensual pleasures and maybe even a friend. I'm well-preserved 30s, HIV-, wide bright smile, intense eyes. Like me, you should have a well-developed chest that likes lots of attention, weight in proportion to height, love kissing, good personality: an equal. No pro ad answerers or addictive types, please. Call ★★7517.

Massage Partner Desired

Attractive, physically fit, professional WM, HIV-, 37, sensual, fun, bright, spirited, seeks another attractive, HIV- man with whom to exchange massage and for companionship. Call ★★7518.

One Good Man Needed

GWM, active in volunteer work, in good health, living a busy and satisfied life, but something is missing: sharing everyday experiences with someone special. In my middle 50s, brown hair, eyes and moustache, 5'10" tall and 155 lbs. I am looking for someone to share the next 5 to 10 years of my life with me. He does not need a gym-toned body, a swimmer's physique, hair like Tom Cruise or be a bedroom athlete, but he must be a "real" person, able to express his feelings and know what he wants in life. I'm a professional, enjoy classical music, cards, carpentry, TV, movies and the theater. ND, NS, but light drinking OK. The best is yet to come! Reply BT Box JY86A or call ★★7519.

In Need Of A Hunk

Handsome and boyish-looking 24-year-old gay Asian male looking for a muscular and beefy 21-40-year-old white hunk with smooth skin and clean appearance for fun, sex and possible relationship. Write to: Boxholder, PO Box 71, Fremont 94537-0071 or call ★★7520.

Seeking Sexual "9"

46 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 155, brn, blu, negative, sexual "3" seeks negative sexual "9" who has done some personal growth work for dating and exploring the possibilities. Spirituality, psychology, play and freedom from chemicals are important. Midwestern values. Reply BT Box JY87A or call ★★7521.

I Need A Date

Sunny Saturdays, fun restaurants, movies, plays, events, dinners at home; I've been doing them alone or with friends. Just moved to SF. Looking for sharp, masculine, Caucasian guys in 30s or early 40s, HIV-. Prefer professional, emotionally secure. I am tall, masculine, sensitive, intense, good-looking & getting a little gray. Looking for a boyfriend. Are you him? Take a chance or nominate someone deserving. Please. Letter & photo (returnable) required. Reply BT Box JY88A.

If You Are Serious

about forming a monogamous life partnership/best friendship, and are not a gym addict, narcissist or egotist, read on. I'm looking for someone with time to invest (no multiple memberships, friendships or heavily scheduled lifestyle) and the capacity for love, generosity and caring. GWM, 45, 5'11", 160, brn eyes, brn-gray hair/bldg, masculine, very hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, well-groomed, stable, adventurous, pleasant personality. Enjoy country music, travel, outdoors, movies, reading, hobbies. We share: good values, no addictions, height/weight proportional, good sense of humor, calm/unpretentious personality, quiet/non-urban lifestyle. Please include return address with response. JN, PO Box 4654, Foster City 94404.

Chemistry, Compatibility, Commitment

Eligible WM seeks special AM for old-fashioned romance, holding hands, dancing in the dark to slow jazz. I'm 41, 5'8", 145, trim, br/br, short beard, glasses, intellectual type. You're 30s-40s, my size, defined, smooth, cleanshaven. We're both attractive, masculine, full head of hair, active, fit, NS/LD, HIV-, preppyish, mature, self-sufficient, sensuous, versatile, monogamous, relationship-oriented. Value good character, quality over quantity, balance of home life and outside adventures. Friendship, trust first. Call ★★7522.

Farmer

Seeks macho manstud for country weekend. I'm horny and hungry. You: masculine, taller, longer hair (no crewcuts). Beards OK; bisexual OK; smoke OK. I'm masculine, 40s, 6', 200, longer brown hair, moustache; oral. Farm crops, not animals. Come up overnight—eat, watch XXX videos, kick back and... Private place, sunning here, swimming near. 90 miles to SF. Write only: S., PO Box 778, Cloverdale 95425.

What's Chemistry

The answer is hopefully you and me! To find out if the mixture is right, how does this sound? First, we talk on the phone, then we meet for a drink and then possibly we have a real first date... etc. I've learned that sometimes the mixture isn't what it may seem at first glance, so check out my contents: handsome, humorous, intelligent, professional, 35, 5'10", 150 lbs., brown hair & eyes, well-trimmed beard, HIV-, nonsmoker, culturally Jewish. I'm passionate about my life, have many interests and friends with whom I like to dine, see films, enjoy music or theater, hike, bicycle, country western dance, ski, relax at home and share ideas and feelings. Perhaps you share several of these qualities and interests but have some of your own you can add to the mixture. Ultimately, I'd like the blend of contents to result in a relationship, but if friendship flows instead, that's great! Call ★★7524.

Grown Man

Seeks another. We're both 42-50, in-shape, educated, professional. I'm 6'3", 190#, gray/blk, HIV+, handsome, sexually versatile, addicted to books, opinionated banter, good food, occasional work-outs. We both enjoy the arts, travel, buildings, gardening, entertaining. We are bored by unimaginative boy/daddy, S/M, B/D and all dualistic relationships. We're each into some form of spiritual practice (I'm Christian with Buddhist leanings) and can get to know each other patiently, deeply, over a long time... NS, ND. Call ★★7523.

Fox Hunts Bear

For romps in the garden of earthly delights with much cuddlelusciousness under moonbeams. This 35 y.o. foxy primal dancer with goatee, bright hazel orbs and lips made for smoochin' is hankering for an attractive furry trim bear who is an avid nonsmoker (some herb OK), easygoing, adventurous, with strong reverence for life. Let's beat our drums—rub stix together in a sacred fiery friendship. Who knows? We may even journey to the rainbow's end. Reply BT Box JY89A or call ★★7525.

Is Sex All You Want?

If so, I want to meet you. Seriously, though, I'm looking for something more. Minimum requirements are that you be a nice person. Me? I'm friendly, sociable, easygoing, with a good sense of humor. I do not want a househusband, but I do want someone who likes companionship, touching and sleepovers. How do you feel about a 41 y.o., 197 lb., 5'8", HIV- GWM? If interested, let's get together. Reply BT Box JY90A or call ★★7526.

Dominant Hispanic, 54, Seeks "Wife"

Who appreciates intelligence, rapid-fire humor, loyalty, emotional heat, doing domestic chores, overbearing virility, sexual servitude, and a traditional Latin attitude toward "her" man. Fun and depth of meaningfulness in monogamy are exceedingly important to us. You: any age, size; (unaffected) femme-acting is fine. Let's communicate about planning a practical, loving, sexy and exciting life together. El Jefe, PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Explore The Galaxy

Ranking Star Fleet officer (attractive GWM, HIV-, 35, 6', 185 lbs., brn/brn, moustache), seeking similar humanoid to be life partner. Will consider Romulans, Klingons, Bejorans and Cardasians, but no Trills, Ferengis or Borg, please. Join me in exploring this sector of the galaxy. Would love to vacation on Raisa, create fantasies on the holodeck or take a journey through the wormhole. We can travel at warp 9 or go at half impulse. Leave message on subspace frequency with your coordinates and I'll beam over. Call ★★7527.

Great Catch For Anyone

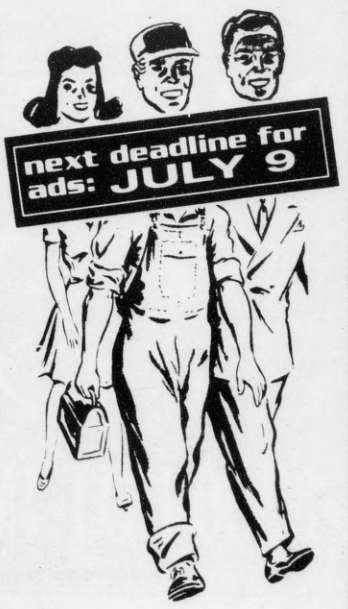
Very attractive Asian with a star quality look and an advanced college degree from a prestigious U.S. school, 27, 5'8", 140, masculine, athletic, and new to the gay scene, seeks pleasant-looking guys with beauty, brains and financial stability for friendship/relationship. Straight-acting, lean/muscular, under 6', and under 30 preferred; bronzed/smooth skin and well-defined body a plus. I am relatively choosy and very safe. Call ★★7528.

Fr./Ital., 37, 6', 170

... camping alone at the River... an apprehensive muscle dude tells me I look sexy in my wet torn-up boxers. I'm no muscleman but I felt sexy then. I seem unapproachable (snobby) but I'm not. I just hate gay bullshit. On a scale of 1-10 I'm a 7.5—an 8 with a boner! I love baggy clothes, mischievous grins, scary movies, cocktails, hot tubs, swimming, etc. Call ★★7529.

Affectionate SF Dad

GWM, 59, br/gr hair/beard, 5'10", 135 lbs., HIV-,



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WHY NOT FOUR? We're a Gay White Couple, one late 30's, the other early 40's, looking for other couples in that age range or younger for good times. Pref. non-smokers, in bay area. ☎2888

NO COMMITMENT REQUIRED. GWM 34, 5'11", Br/Grn, moust. ave. build, attrac. easy-going, looking to meet guys 18-26 especially Latins, and Whites too for disc. good times. Just seeking good people for good times. ☎1513

SF, HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN? GWM 25, 5'9", 155#, dark blonde/Hzl, goatee, looking for a dark skinned man. Leave a message. ☎4996

ROOMMATE SAYS I LOOK LIKE A THUG! I don't know about that. GM 32, look 25, Br/Br, 5'7", 145#, goatee, contacts sometimes glasses, got all sorts of different interests. Sk someone with different interests, short, btm, Latino. ☎2304

EAST BAY, EXPLORER AT HEART! GM 49, White on outside, 6'6", 175#, HIV+, healthy, fit, tan, masc. Love outdoors, running, backpacking, travel. My spirit says this is where I'll find my life's companion. Like ethnic types, adventurous, fit. ☎2055

ALAMEDA, FLEXIBLE FENCE-SITTER. GM 5'11", 165#, athletic physique, I'm vers. & Bi. Call and leave a message. ☎2716

SAN JOSE MAYBE WE CAN WRESTLE AROUND A BIT! Looking for some jocks to play around with. GM 5'9", clean-shaven, good-looking. Enough talk, let's crunch! ☎2662

SF, SHARE SOME GOOD VIBES. GBM 30, 5'8", 160#, looking to meet guys around 23 for good times, possible relationship. ☎4979

SF, BRAINS & BRAWN. Very attractive Asian guy 27, looking for GWM 22-30, HIV-. work out daily, very intelligent, well-read, ivy-League. If you're gdlkg, have a career & are interested in meeting me, please call. ☎5010

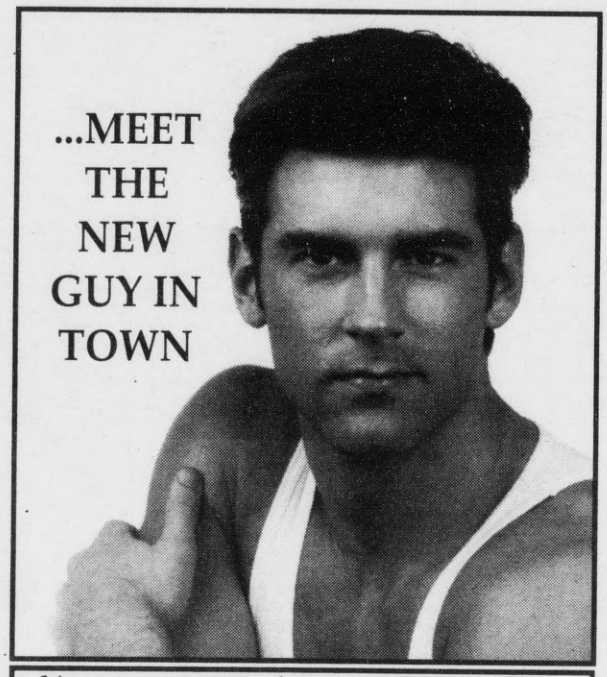
SAN LEANDRO, OPEN TO ANYTHING! GWM 21, 5'10", 175#, Br/Bl, looking for anyone 20-35 in Bay area. ☎5047

SF, MENTAL SPARING PARTNER WANTED. Gdlkg. intel. honest Filipino 24, 5'8", 165#, seeks attrac. sincere, bright Asian male 21-35 for genuine friend, pos. relationship. Like dancing, weight-lifting, volleyball, & intel. conversation. ☎2352

SF, SEEKING OTHER MUSCLE-BOUND BLACKS. GBM 32, very good physical shape, looking for other BM's into B/B, have nice muscular body. Basically tp seeking btm. If you fit the description, call me. Chow! ☎2381

SAN FRANCISCO KEEP ME OUT AS LATE AS THE COWS! Gay Asian male 19, 5'9", just like to meet any guys out there interested in going out! Any time you're ready! ☎2488

REDWOOD CITY, UP FOR A DOUBLE PLAY? GM 24, Amer., my roommate is about the same. We're looking for guys in the area to get together. Come one, come all. Bring a game of twister. ☎2589



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SF HANDICAPPED GAY MEN'S GROUP FORMING: 40 yr old handicapped interested in forming a group call mailbox for details. ☎4836

SF COME N' GET ME: Sub. GWM, 28, bodybuilder, seeking dom. black male to indulge life's little pleasures with. ☎4679

PALO ALTO SERVITUDE: HAVE CAR WILL TRAVEL : 39, I'M into guys under 45, tell me where to meet you. (hairy guys a plus) discretion advised. ☎4684

SAN FRANCISCO INEXPERIENCED: 6'1, 155lbs, slender, blond, blue eyes, desires understanding guy, looks unimportant it's what's insides that counts. ☎1384

SF "LET'S MAKE ENDS MEET" 29 yr old, into younger guys, into safe stuff, get togethers/talks ☎1588

SF EXCITED AS HELL: sub. bttm, seeking dom. top for fun call for hm number. ☎2443

SF FRIENDS OR PHONE: hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, dark hair/stached, lots of interests, I'm very romantic, and sensual, seeking goodlkg slender special someone. ☎3906

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STUD INTO SUN, surf and water sports, into hanging out, correspondence with young guys under 25. call for hm number, let' get busy. ☎3945

SF LITTLE BROTHER WANTED; Sincere 43 yr old, 6', 170lbs, seeks slim, asian or white guy 18-32 for sincere friendship, prefer boyish looks, non-smoker a plus, ☎3492

SF STOCKY AND SHY: new to gay life: 5'9, 160lbs, brwn hair/eyes, glasses, hairy w/moustache, seeking guy 25-35 to talk and do things with. (call for hm number and describe yourself) ☎4189

SF A SPECIAL PERSON: Hairy 5'9, 150lbs, 43, black & passionate, enjoy travel and fun nights out, ☎3643

SF NOT YET OUT: New to scene, any race ok, 25-35 seeking smooth guys in same situation. I'm clean shaven, goodlooking and professional. ☎3769

SF Telcom engineer, 5'11, fit, non-smoking, sensual guy with good sense of humor, movies, travel and trying to learn french. Prefer clean shaven under 45. ☎3532

SF ATTRACTIVE GERMAN born, dark blond, hair, Hiv +, seeking positive person, must be sincere ☎1814

SF LOOKING FOR DADDY: 23 yr old, well defined seeking older guy to teach me ☎2033

E. Oakland ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY? 220lb muscular build: 21 yr old GWM in the navy enjoy writing, reading, politics, into classic rock, good food, seeking GWM 20-25. ☎2574

San Francisco We are a gay couple, seeking a third for weekends ☎2933

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DALY CITY WM, 170lbs, looking for fun time guys, call ☎4283

SF ASIAN MALE, 5'8, 140lbs, enjoy skiing, seeking attractive WM, into friendships, waiting to hear from you, call for hm number ☎2884

SF LATIN GUY: 23 yr old, rel. oriented for guy 20-40 call for hm number ☎2913

Hayward great GLUTES Latin male 28, great shape, beginner Body builder, submis., can travel ☎2941

SF Bi-curious, white male 5'7, muscular built, seeks bi-curious asian male for experimentation ☎3035

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GWM Seeks GAM

For friendship, fun times and possibly a LTR. I'm 50something although I look younger, 5'9", 140#, HIV-, brown hair and eyes, NS, light drinker. Interests include classical music, opera, photography, cats, hiking, movies, dining and quiet romantic evenings at home. You should be 35+ with compatible interests. Serious only! Call ★★7531.

A Lifetime With You

GWM writer, 32, 5'8", slender, with dark hair, seeks Asian or Caucasian companion, 24-38, for a lasting, loving, monogamous relationship. I'm kind, honest, loyal, intelligent and spiritual; I enjoy literature, science, bookstores and music. I seek someone gentle, generous and intelligent who believes in a love to last the rest of our lives. Nonsmokers only, please. Write PO Box 40352, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★7532.

Banker Turned HIV+ Bohemian

37, 5'6", 145 lbs., blond, bearded, tattooed, healthy on disability, hairy bottom. Seeks other HIV+ for exotic travel, rail, cruise, auto. Nonsexual travel buddy, fuckbuddy or true love, all options. Am humorous, educated, hyper, wacky, comfortable in chaps or tuxedo—own both. Fluent French, good Spanish. Let's enjoy the silver lining of being on disability—it's now or never! Santa Cruz (have wheels). Call ★★7533.

Seeking Young Asians

BiWM, healthy, hot, horny, hairy chest, 5'11", 160 lbs., deep blue eyes, wants young Asian guys for safe erotic massage. I'll rub you all over. Not looking for relationship, can be very discreet, top or bottom, kinky or vanilla. Tell me what you want/need. Group OK. Call ★★7534.

Looking For Mr. Good Guy!

Single 40ish tall GWM Southerner, HIV-, smoker, non-BB, cocktailer, drug-free, successful professional, smooth/cut, big personality, big heart, big activity level, big brain power, big dick, man of honor, loyal, spiritual (old soul), GrA, FrA/P, social director, love of the fine arts and the curious. Looking for gay male, 24-50, for dating. Should be single, tall, responsible, HIV-, drug-free, loyal, spiritual, a live-wire, GrP, FrA/P. Send xerox of photo (will return w/mine) Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★7535.

Difficulties

Trying to connect with someone in this city. I'm not sure where I fit in. I'm mid-30s, good-looking, blond, 160. Yes, I like men younger than me. No, I don't totally have my shit together. Yes, I have issues to work through; who doesn't? No, I don't do drugs. No, I don't smoke. I rarely drink. Yes, I like romance and sex. No bars for me, sorry. No, I'm not preppie. Yes, I love children. Yes, I love Roseanne. Yes, I like to cuddle on the couch and make love. Yes, I like to take care of the gardens and yes I like Streisand. No, I'm not perfect. Yes, I'd love to meet one younger, cute, sexy guy who wants to date and take the time to get to know each other and try to understand each other's issues and possibly in time fall madly in love. No, I've not met this person. Is there someone else who doesn't know where they fit? Give me a call or a letter with photo and let's see, you just might be glad you did! Reply BT Box JY92A or call ★★7536. No, I don't work out and no I don't have a big dick!

GW Southern Male

Very attractive, slim, fit, 38 y.o., 5'8", 135 lbs., seeks courageous gay attorney. I am not a good looks or size queen. Character, courage, honesty, integrity by far the most important attributes I look for in a relationship. Serious replies please. Call ★★7537.

An Honest Ad

GWM, 6'1", 180, 33 y.o., bl/gr, HIV-, clean-cut, all-American good looks, in good shape. Am interested in cycling, gym, volunteer work, meditation, 12-step, movies, vegetarian cooking. Am honest, intelligent, educated, funny, sensitive. Looking for a GWM, HIV-, 30-40 y.o., who has some of the same interests, is good-looking & in good shape, honest, sensitive, for friendship first then a possible relationship. NS, ND. Reply BT Box JY93A.

Looking For Friends, Open To More

I'm a cute GAM, 20, fit, honest, easygoing, sensual, sexual, intelligent and humorous, seeking GWM, 18-35, in-shape, sharing similar qualities for fun, excitement, dating, or possible relationship. Interested? Write w/photo PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★7538.

Saving All My Love For...

You. I am a GAM, 5'8", 141#, 29 y.o., HIV-, NS, ND, strikingly handsome, good sense of humor, with excellent body and best quality of boyfriend materials. Seeks a naturally 100% masculine GWM, HIV-, under 40, tall, handsome, romantic, humorous and in good shape. If you look forward to sharing your life with that significant other as much as I do, let's start with letter and photo exchange. PO Box 59-0953, SF 94159-0953. All responses answered.

Single Photo Needs Dual Portrait

"A picture is worth a thousand words." My photograph in this space would portray a handsome GWM, 5'10", trim, blue eyes, suntanned, bearded, visually pleasing physique, and friendly smile. An inner lens would depict my caring heart, empathetic sensitivity, love of intimacy, quality life patterns, goals, and dreams. Non-user of alcohol/drugs. Yearning for a special friend to make my solo image a dual buddy portrait. Reply BT Box JY94A or call ★★7539.

Live-In Lover Wanted

GM, 54, HIV-, average looks, emotionally stable, tobacco-, alcohol- and drug-free, intelligent, responsible, caring, homebody, sense of humor, love pets, San Francisco homeowner, recently unemployed and now bored with too much time alone. I seek someone younger with more time than money to move in and do cheap things with me. Looking for a long-term relationship, even after I find work. Let's meet and see if we click. Reply BT Box JY95A or call ★★7540.

Bpen Khon Thai Mai?

San Francisco GWM looking for Thai friends. I'm taking Thai lessons (reading and speaking) and would like someone to help with my conversation. I find very thin Thai guys most attractive, but I'm also interested in just making friends and learning more about Thai culture. I'm 51 (look much younger), handsome, Jewish, professional, 5'9", 170 pounds, dark hair, moustache, gym-toned. Don't smoke or drink. I'm HIV-. Call ★★7541.

Looking For A Latin Lover

GLM, 27 years old, 5'10", 160 lbs., brown hair/eyes, handsome, masculine and trying to find a Latino guy who likes great sex, being monogamous, romantic and ready to have a relationship with someone who is ready too. Call me. Call ★★7542.

Now Interviewing!

GWM who is probably 30-40, 5'10"-6'4" (weight proportional), vers/btm, nonsmoker, HIV- & hairy chest to explore possibility of a LTR by this GWM, young 43, 5'6½", 140 lbs., brown/gray, green with glasses, HIV-, smooth, average/cute, NS/ND, and oversexed. We enjoy (but not limited to) tennis, bowling, football, C/W, cooking, traveling, cuddling, movies and friends. Am honest, easygoing, compassionate, moderate Democrat, spiritually active, romantic, Capricorn who loves to laugh and knows what he has to offer another. If you are emotionally available and willing to invest quality time, send a descriptive letter or call. All will be answered. Reply BT Box JY96A or call ★★7543.

You're Under 25 And Spiritually Aware

I offer a total lifestyle: home, plus a ranch in the mountains, travel, comfort, security and wonderful sex. I am 39, New Age, vegetarian, act and look straight, nonsmoker (not tobacco), 6', 165 lbs., blond, HIV-, financially independent, good-looking and I have a great sense of humor. You don't smoke tobacco, you're optimistic, bright, holistic, HIV-, trim and good-looking. I'm interested in a LTR with a sensitive younger brother who likes fun and adventure. Call ★★7544.

Positive GWM Seeks Positive GAM

I'm tired of playing games! I believe in saying what I want. I'm looking for an Asian man to share my life with. A life partner. I am 37 y.o., 6'2", 190 lbs., hairy chest, attractive, loving, sensitive & healthy HIV+. I love to lay on the couch and watch an old movie with someone snuggled in my arms. I love to cuddle, kiss, lick, suck and make love with an Asian man. I'm sexually versatile, but prefer being bottom. I don't fuck... I make love. Tall men are a+. Let's meet and see what happens. Call ★★7545.

Ecstatic Adventurer

Poet-musician, 58, hazel eyes, blond hair, open loving heart and spirit, HIV-. Into sensual touch and soaring into the fourth dimension seeks like being, youthful in age or spirit, to explore this world... to dance and to play! We are all one star body! Love, peace, music and bliss! In elfin magic! Call ★★7546.

It's A Miracle!

Freshly 37 looks 20s, a healthy survivor (that's 2 miracles—genetic?), emotionally available (another!), sexy post-punk that's full of surprises like widely publishing poetry (Irish?) and that endowment (yes!) on a 5'10", 165, hunky, lean and smooth frame with cleanshaven decent looks. Seeks a younger, lean, well-butted Mediterranean type who's secure, fun and still reads and doesn't deserve spending Saturday nights alone either. Reply BT Box JY97A.

Open To Persuasion

Psychotherapist, writer, interests in fiction, theater and outdoors—bicycling, backpacking, swimming. While I enjoy my work, I'm not into "psychoanalyzing" my partner or processing every interaction, yet I value the ability to listen and empathize, challenge and amuse. Stats: 5'9", slim build, cleanshaven, boyish good looks (43, appear mid-30s), HIV-, nonsmoker, progressive values, fun sense of humor. I'm seeking an easygoing guy with his own interests who is self-aware, playful, and curious about the world around him. Please send photo (returned) with letter. Reply BT Box JY98A.

Asian Seeking A Few Good Men

Looking to meet 20s-30s GWM for fun, friendship and possible long-term monogamous relationship. Prefer honest, nurturing, physically fit, masculine, emotionally/financially stable, NS/ND men with good sense of humor. I am a professional GAM, mid-30s, 5'11", 170#, HIV-, smooth, attractive, and gym-toned. Enjoy outdoors, biking, skiing, swimming, theater, movies, music, dining out, travel, kissing, cuddling, massage and romantic evenings. Call ★★7547.

Fuck Me

Hard tops needed by short, hot blond with nice body and blue eyes. Call ★★7548 or write PO Box 26458, SF 94126-6458.

1 Hot Dog Seeks Some Great Buns

To burrow into. If you're a 20s-30s GWM and you relish massage, cuddling and quality time together then we should talk. You'll cut the mustard if you're a nonsmoker, like mature men (I'm a 40 y.o. GWM) and don't rely on bars for entertainment. Lettuce talk and explore our mutual interests—outdoors, movies, dining out, etc. East Bay preferred. Call ★★7549.

Skin Hunger

Good-looking GWM, fit, 5'10", black hair, blue eyes, hairy body, wants fit men, 20 to 40, for massage exchange. Focus is non-sexual (but who knows) contact to satisfy "skin hunger," relieve stress and soothe sore muscles. No smokers, druggers. Letter to M.E., 2215-R Market St., #169, SF 94114 or call ★★7550.

Active Greek

Seeking handsome GWM, 30-40, in good shape, weight proportioned to height, ND, NS, and light drinker. Balding, self-confident men w/facial hair and hairy chests are a plus! I'm a good-looking/handsome GWM, 27, 5'9", 150 lbs., brown hair/eyes, w/moustache and hairy chest, HIV-. I'm relationship-oriented, monogamous, romantic, passionate and adventurous. I enjoy tennis, exploring the Bay Area, movies, the theater, travel, walking, quiet evenings, as well as good times w/friends. To find out more reply BT Box JY99A or call ★★7551.

Huntin' Bear?

Good-lookin', hairy, masculine, uncut bear, 50, 5'10", 197 lbs., brown hair/eyes, gray beard/'stache, HIV-, affectionate, mellow, stable, honest nonsmoker, light drinker in pretty good shape with usual interests (music—country to classical, movies, theater, travel), looking to masculine nonsmoking bear-hunters, who are roughly my size or smaller. Reply BT Box JY100A or call ★★7552.

Frankly, I'd Rather Eat A Tomato

Than shave one of my eyebrows. I'm not crazy. I do realize that I probably don't need both of my eyebrows. I just really like tomatoes. But I hate golf. I'd rather shave one of my eyebrows than play golf. Of course, I'd probably give it to someone less well-endowed. I have thick eyebrows. Eating tomatoes will do that for you. They're also rumored to make you bright, gym-toned, good-looking, with dark Jew hair, HIV-, under 30, tall, and a heck of a nice guy that your mother'd like. I eat a lot of tomatoes. Actually, I'm kidding—I don't hate golf. Reply BT Box JY101A or call ★★7553.

Bottom Boy Wanted

I'm an attached GWM, 31, 6'1", 195, brn hair, eyes, moustache and masculine. I enjoy my relationship but am still looking for that young man who wants to be held in strong arms, caressed while he speaks freely of his dreams & fears, and passionately kisses while I make love to his boyish body. If you are a GWM looking for passionate sex or a break from your relationship, call ★★7554.

Seeking Older Married Men

Masculine, handsome, tall, bright, sensitive, 38, 6'2", 195 lbs., brown hair/eyes, clean-cut, HIV-, finds older men, 45-65, who wear business suits & black shoes completely irresistible. Wingtips are the ultimate fantasy. Very discreet & understand the married situation. I hope to hear from you. Call ★★7555.

Honest Guy Seeks Same

Tall Black top sought by WM, 45, 5'10", 165, for summer fun. Sports enthusiast (outdoor and indoor!). Come visit in beautiful Marin setting and relax. Let's play and enjoy the view. Please be considerate, honest and easygoing. I'm not into fake role-playing, just be yourself. Call... we won't know for sure unless we talk about it. Call ★★7556.

Beefy In-Shape Buddy Wanted

I'm a good-looking beefy/musc./masc. 37-yr-old WM who enjoys working out/hiking and having a good time. I have big musc. legs and a nice round bubble butt, not to mention a nice chest. Seeking similar beefy in-shape musc./masc. guys for fun and friendship, good attitude important. My interests are bodybuilding, exercise and a good time! (All races encouraged.) Call ★★7557.

A Man Has Needs

What this man needs most, and all he has time for presently, is quality masculine intimacy with one naturally monogamous other who, like me, is HIV-, nonsmoker, bright, honest, clean, self-esteeming, busy, productive, down-to-earth and physically fit. I'm GWM, 40s, 5'10", 165#, soft-spoken but quite manly, sexy hairy body and equipment. Sexually dominant. Beautiful smile. You're 35-55, probably dark, tall, lean/thin, mostly passive. Chest hair appreciated. Leg hair essential. Have transportation. Will give some priority to scheduling weekend dates. Dining in, hiking, movies, videos, soft music and long, unhurried, intense sessions of lust and rapture. Call ★★7558.

Desperately Seeking Punker

I'm a punker seeking fellow punkers to hook up with. My description is 19 y.o., 5'8", 135 lbs., blond/blue, and into the old school punk rock. What I like are guys that are older, taller and ones that make people say, "No way is he gay or bisexual, he seems so straight." Anybody into punk please call. Call ★★7559.

Romantic Places

I have known—Murren, Switzerland; Samos, Greece; Yaranasi, India; my home in Berkeley—would be more romantic with you along. If you're 18-25, attractive, responsive, intelligent, and would like to join a somewhat older, fit, attractive and playful gentleman in any of these places (or others) please send letter and photo. NS, ND. Spiritual interest or direction a plus. PO Box 9687, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★7560.

East Bay Regular Guy

GWM, 39, 6'1", 190, tan blond/green eyes, very good-looking, HIV-, masculine, professional, financially secure, with many varied interests. Seeking handsome, 30-45-yr-old, HIV-, dark-haired playmate/soulmate to share my life with. East Bay preferred but not essential; however, the willingness to share and build something special together is. You won't be disappointed. Call ★★7561.

I Only Have Eyes For You... If...

You're Latin/Mediterranean/Asian. I'm late 40s, HIV+ (healthy), 5'10", blue-eyed, hairy chest, 175#, brown hair, s/p moustache, nonsmoker, well-educated, good career, Irish background, great sense of humor, good-looking (I'm told), good physical shape. You: masculine, over 40, moustache/beard (maybe), wanting a relationship and the work it entails. You have many friends, but miss the warmth, touch, holding and intimacy of being loved. We can play when we want, laugh when the spirit moves us, give mutual support when needed. Our differences are as exciting as our similarities. I have a lot to offer you and vice versa. We deserve to meet. Yes, it's scary to reach out—but the alternative is worse! Got a picture, I do! Write and tell me who you are and what you want. Reply BT Box JY102A.

Mature Man—Hot

WM, 50 yrs. old, 5'11", 178 lbs., brown/blue, strong solid body, thinning hair, hairy chest and legs, 'stache; have big uncut looking for hot mouth and more. I am an interesting person, well-read and traveled, interested in good movies and theater. But I do like unhurried, good sex. Healthy and HIV-. Reply BT Box JY103A or call ★★7562.

Good Dog Wants Bone

Puppy wants bone to nuzzle, lick, play with and chew on (lightly!). Fat, juicy bone preferred, of course. Bone should come with nice GWM attached, 32-45, 5'8"+, who likes to pet, hug and praise his very own favorite doggy, give him run of the house and most of the couch, appreciate his growls of delight and generally spoil him rotten. Puppy is 30s GWM, 5'10", cute, interesting. LTR optional. Blow in puppy's ear, he might follow you. PO Box 161, Richmond 94807 or call ★★7563.

Bay Bridge Tolltaker

You are masculine and have brn/blue, earring left ear, about 5'11", 190 lbs., 35-40, So. accent. Our eyes met, you gave me thumbs up in the rear-view mirror. Beautiful smile & sparkling baby blues. Me: 40 y.o., s/p hair, sexy dark eyes, 5'11", 185 lbs. We're not gym gods but in decent shape. Golf, roller blade, sports, C/W, soft rock, movies, coffee, versatile sex, demand honesty, admire flexibility & loyalty & savor true love. Gimme the "chem" and we'll make "istry." Hey, Mr. Hot Stuff, take the risk. No active boozers or druggies. Sense of humor a must! Call ★★7564.

Little Guy—Big Cock?

You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages; love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late 40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★7565.

Deaf Love & Monogamous Relationship

GWM, 43, 185#, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, clean-cut, non-drinker, never drugs, honest and affectionate. Enjoy cooking, watch TV & movies, learning computer at home; travel, camping & hiking; relaxing on quiet evenings with someone; eating out with friends sometimes. Seeking GWM, 35-45 years old, hairy chest, clean-cut, honest, gentle, never drugs and light alcohol. If interested please write me: Boxholder, PO Box 641142, SF 94164-1142.

Special Person

Hi. I'm 33, GWM, Jewish, 6'3", 180#, HIV-, trim beard, educated, professional, honest, romantic and realistic, versatile top; into music, travel, arts, outdoors and quiet times at home. I'm looking for a relationship-oriented, 33-45 y.o., height/weight proportional, in-shape, financially secure, intelligent, NS, ND, caring person. Let's meet and talk first. Write or call. Photo appreciated (returned). Call ★★7566.

If You Don't Mind An Eclectic, Let Me Hear From You

GWM, 36, 5'6", 140 lbs., HIV-, br/br, seeks similar to age 37 who's affectionate, understanding, intellectual, into nature, music and dance, and active in improving the world. I'm friendly, take anthropology classes and relationship-oriented. Call ★★7567.

Affair Of The Heart

Attractive Asian seeking handsome, masculine GWM to develop a monogamous relationship. I'm a 27, fit, intelligent professional with a good sense of humor. I enjoy film, theater, music, books, romance, and good conversation. I'm a hopeless romantic at heart and believe life is best when shared. Desire similar counterpart between 25-35. Call ★★7568.

Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Christmas, Music....

Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests for more serious Partner or just friends... Me: casual & easygoing private type, politically moderate, passionate "body and soul" (independent Christian), philosophy, Kierkegaard, Pascal, Buber, Chaplin, Schulz, Looney Toons, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, light cheapthrill video, Kirk Cummings, ethnic food, Nat, Orbison, Mahalia, Sade, Tina, jazz, etc. You: ?? P.S.: I'm WM, 31, 5'9", hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking" (?!)—Reply to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★7569. Letters preferred to call.

You're A Functional, Arousable Animal

In your late-20s-early-30s, with a lanky and muscular body (not necessarily gym-toned), weight proportional to height, negative HIV, cut, bottom-leaning, bookish, nonsmoking, Cafe Flore-type, desiring earthly pleasures with 5'8", 170 lbs., 45 y.o., Generation X-oriented, sensualist, possessing a hairy, muscular medium build, brown eyes, goatee, not a full head of hair (but an intimate hot tub). Call ★★7570.

Friendly Oral

Very talented, late-30s, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendships or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Call ★★7571.

Self Suck-ers: Free Massage!

If you're healthy and can suck yourself, I'll give you a superb, deeply relaxing, pleasurable, nurturing massage... and help you gently go down on yourself. The more relaxed you are, the further down you can go. I'm an outstanding professional masseur; hung very big, uncut, thin, dark-haired, healthy, warm, "youngish," white. Let's show each other our "complete" self-pleasuring ways. Photo appreciated. PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★7572.

If...

You are kind, masculine and strong yet tender, you remember special holidays, you feel, really feel, you work out, are good-looking, top, 27-46. Me? 41, 5'10", 170, work out, good-looking, bottom, very creative and athletic. I know you're there, it's destined. Call ★★7573.

Tall Muscular Handsome Suckler Cuddler

Do you have a tight, firm, exercised body that loves to be caressed, massaged, and licked all over? Love slow, passionate man-to-man French kissing? Do you love to have your super hard (any size), beautifully shaped manhood eagerly stroked, licked, suckled and worshipped by a long-tongued, hot, hairy, masculine, blue-eyed, goateed, deep throat sensualist? I'm a playful, easygoing, sensitive, spiritual, ardent nature lover. Call ★★7574.

Whatever Happens To Romance?

GAM, 29, 5'9", 180 lbs., 44c, 30w, seeks similar GM, 25 to 35, who wants as much romance as I do. Be healthy, HIV-, in-shape & smart. Call ★★7575.

Relationship Wanted

BiWM, 41-yr-old, 6', 180 lbs., good-looking, healthy HIV+. Only the right chemistry could launch me into the right relationship. However, I would like a date for the 4th, someone to put the Xmas tree up with, or maybe making love in a beach cabin listening to the rain. I enjoy horse-

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Exceptional Man Seeks Same

Bright, energetic, creative, Caucasian male, 38, 5'10", 142#, short hair/beard, br/br, glasses, masculine, warm and fuzzy, full of spirit and life, doesn't drink/drug/smoke, HIV-, down-to-earth, committed to honesty/spirituality/personal growth, passionate for movies, music, gay comedy, queer pride, sex, burritos, roller coasters, dancing, recovery, getting away, conversation; willing to be human/looking to connect with genuine, playful, monogamy-minded man, same age or younger. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 14413, SF 94114 or call ★★7577.

Wanted: Young Man Single & Free

Handsome Blk male, 5'8", 160 lbs., 30-yr-old, easygoing, romantic, caring and committed to having a LTR but will settle for dating first. Seeks young male, under 25. You must be attractive, healthy, upscale lifestyle and fun-loving and, of course, HIV-. Race unimportant. Not interested in one-night stand, so consider the possibilities and take a chance. Call ★★7578.

Euro-Whore (C'est Moi)

Good-looking, sexy, versatile, 30ish, Mediterranean guy, very slim, articulate, zany, looking for European (or descent) man who has more than average good looks, is 27 to 40, sincere, sophisticated yet down-to-earth, in good shape, a touch artsy. Financially stable, good hygiene, masculine, more than average endowments, communicative & considerate. For fun times, good food, hot sex, art, dating & more. Call ★★7579.

Please Read!

I'm honestly looking for relationship, but also friends. I love to dance, but know I won't meet Mr. Right at clubs. I'm 23, look younger; Hispanic/white, 5'7", 130 lbs., OK-looking but not a god. You are Asian or Latin, 18-26, maybe older, but realize my age; thin, probably a little shy, OK- to nice-looking, but, most of all, sincere. If interested, please call ★★7580.

What We Want

This caring, honest, HIV-, mid-30s, balding, tall and lean, 190 lb., big hands and feet, GWM knows what he is looking for, which includes: late teens to mid-20s of any race, HIV-, NS, Greek versatile, mature, not looking for a handout and honest. If you like slightly older guys who treat you right, get in touch so we can meet. East Bay preferred, but not required. Reply BT Box JY104A or call ★★7581.

Heartfelt Ad

Have lots of friends but I'm lacking romance. If you're special too and yet haven't connected with Mr. Right—try me. Although I love hairy chests, muscles and blue eyes, I'd settle for style and depth any day. You must like films, music, travel, going out/staying in. I'm 32 and have been told if C&R Clothier had a Big & Tall-line, I'd be the spokesmodel. Contact me. Call ★★7582.

Tall, Blond, Handsome

With swimmer's build, 37 yrs. old, 6'4", 190 lbs., blnd/blue, Nordic type, 'stache, HIV-. Interests: arts, theater, hiking, animals, mountains, travel, sports. Desires: love, LTR, with attractive, unaffectedly masculine guy in his 30s, who's well-balanced emotionally, spiritually, financially, leading a life of variety and humor. Ready to compromise, share, laugh, play, kiss, make love. So... what are you waiting for? Reply PO Box 14612, SF 94114 or call ★★7583.

East Bay Man Seeks East Bay Or City

6'1", 31 y.o., 215 lbs., thinning, hairy WM, asymptomatic HIV+, intelligent, sociable (but think other people are hell), pleasant (but acknowledge my darker side), politically aware, like fine arts, conversation, going to gym. Want to connect (whatever that might mean for us) with WM or Latin who is a good communicator and comfortable with himself. Chemistry is more important than similar interests. NS. Call ★★7584.

Sense Of Humor

Handsome GWM, mid-30s, 6'1", 175#, sparkling eyes, in good shape, seeks fun and more with sexy, playful, versatile, HIV+ man with proportionate weight to height. Interests in film, food, music, wine, travel and intelligence helpful but not necessary. A sense of humor is. I've a lot to offer and share with the right man. Respond to: Boxholder, 740A 14th St., Box 163, SF 94114 or call ★★7585.

Romantic Adventures

Very intense and sensual guy into friendship and meaningful encounters, seeks other cute guys, under 31, for sharing of fun, affection and romantic adventures. I'm 32, very outgoing, 6'1", 165#, with blond hair and blue eyes. Important qualities include sincerity, sense of humor, focused sense of direction and honesty. Extra credit for smooth and slim types. C'mon, let's write our own adventure! Reply BT Box JY105A or call ★★7586.

Handsome Scandinavian Seeks Relationship

Professional GWM, 44, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5'10", 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box JY106A with a photo or call ★★7587.

Gimme Shelter

This charming city boy seeks boyfriend for urban adventures, country roads and general mischief. Me: homo WM (I'm over this queer vs. gay thing), 30, 5'11", 150, physically and mentally intact. You: 25-35, not overweight, alive. Influences: HST, Ravi Shankar, Wicca, things Indian, Generation X, Az, trees, gypsies, Buddha, Montana, UFO conspiracy, queer archetypes, L.A. weirdness, nude anything, Gandhi, synchronicity, desert nights, biotechnology, dharma revolution, hemp, techno, Big Sur, wild horses, cinnamon and sage. Not into: stereotypes, booze, speed, clones, car phones, brunch. Let's go for a Green Tortoise trip. Reply PO Box 470941, SF 94147 or call ★★7588.

Rectal Exam

Bend over! Show that hole! Mature, hairy, balding GWM gives savvy, safe, sexy, slippery ass exam. You J/O for the doctor. Your balls gently tugged, your prostate exquisitely massaged. Spanking is available; other safe, mutually desired kink considered. Submissive males preferred but all encouraged to respond. Yours: excitement, relief, orgasm. Write explicit note to PO Box 151, Alameda 94501 or call ★★7589.

Asian Looking For Lifemate

Good-looking GAM, mid-40s, 5'7", slim, HIV-, caring, affectionate, easygoing, with a good heart, is interested in meeting a GWM, 50+, for possible long-term relationship. No smoking. Light drinking OK. Together we enjoy music, movies, traveling, cooking, quiet times... Reply with photo if possible (will be returned). Boxholder, 537 Jones St., #2234, SF 94102.

Exceptional Man

Good-looking WM, 37, 5'10", trim, clean-cut, sometimes quiet type, occasionally wild, fun, interesting, articulate, diverse interests, with a lot to offer the right man, weight-trained body, great rear, mostly bottom (but not much into Greek), open to kink and fantasy scenes. Seeking a similar, handsome, laidback, open-minded, masculine man who looks sharp in a suit and hot in a leather jacket, for friendship, good times and more. Call ★★7590.

Shy, Magnanimous Snot

GWM, mid-30s, varied passions (arts, intellectual discourse, information consumption). Neurotic and shy, but stable and motivated. A bit of a snob, but with enormous heart. Sexually, I tend to be "top," but can be versatile. Like all types, but have weakness for thin, handsome nerds. I'm HIV-, handsome, financially secure, and you should be these things too. Want a date? Tell me about yourself. Call ★★7591.

Top Quality Handsome Italian

Looking for a special buddy or possible life partner. I'm tall, very handsome, sexy, Italian, 37 y.o., 6'1", 180#, muscular, wavy hair, brn eyes, moustached. I'm a secure professional and genuine man—passionate, strong, open-hearted. I'm HIV healthy. I'm a fun-loving, adventurous 501 Levi outdoorsman guy you'd be proud with on a mountaintop or tuxedo function. I'm sexually charged, heavy hung, hot versatile/top liking tenderness, steamy kisses, human to sweaty animal sex. If you are that special buddy, 25-45 y.o., manly, handsome, athletic/muscular, well-hung, moustached, well-grounded, honest, loving and sexually wild, and desire an intimate one-on-one, man-to-man mutual support to hell-raising relationship, write w/photo (returnable) to BT Box JY107A or call ★★7592.

Tired Of Toad Kissing?

Me, too! Handsome, romantic, 40something GWM professional (5'11", 175, br/bl) seeks similar class act self-possessed enough to explore friendship, intimacy, LT relationship. If you know yourself, are put together inside & out, and seek a special man who can show up, be present, and create a shared life, let's talk! Call ★★7593.

HIV- Uncut Guy

Mid-40s, likes kicking back & getting sucked off. Call & leave tel. no. Please be discreet. Call ★★7594.

First Time Try...

Would like to meet college/professional type and thought I may have a chance in meeting a quality guy this way. I'm GWM, 30, 5'7", 160, lt. brn/blue, HIV- and nice-looking. Not into bars or gay scene. Am open-minded and sincere. Have a very high sex drive and would like to meet someone for incredible, hot, satisfying, safe times and possibly more. You are good-looking, masculine, 18-33, Italian/white/Latin, 5'10" or taller, HIV-, medium to husky build, top, versatile or bottom, and nicely hung with a nice body. Satisfaction guaranteed and possibly a great friendship. Bi or straight OK. Go for it! Ltr/phone/photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JY108A or call ★★7595.

Habibi

I'm a 33 y.o. Arab male who would like to meet other gay men to connect with physically & spiritually. Prefer mature & confident men btwn 28-40, who are of Latin & Mediterranean descent, but open to all ethnic groups. Hopefully you are in-shape but not necessarily "gym-toned." I'm 5'9", 160 lbs., br/br, cleanshaven. I enjoy cycling, music, movies, nature walks, MTV, travel & coffee houses. Call ★★7596.

Writers/Intellectuals

6'2", 175 lbs., athletic, muscular, 35, excellent body, average looks, writer, essayist, book reviewer. Looking for other physically fit intellectuals my age or younger who work out regularly and have a good sense of humor. Grad students, academics and other writers particularly welcome. Call ★★7597.

Outgoing/Energetic

GWM, 27, br/hazel eyes, 5'11", 170, HIV-, good sense of humor, outgoing, spirited, mostly top, who is compassionate, intelligent, into swimming, movies, dancing, nice quiet dinners, long drives, walks on the beach, traveling. You: nonsmoker, light/non-drinker, good sense of humor, intelligent, kind, like movies, amusement parks and just hanging out. Call ★★7598.

Been There, Done That

31 y.o. BGM, 160 lbs., 5'10", good-looking, in-shape, hung, bubble butt, is looking for a decisive topman who's been there and done that too. You should be as tall or taller, dark and hairy are big pluses! ND/NS and used to getting what you want when you want it. Come on, call ★★7599.

Seeking poet, writer, nerd and creative type for soft slow conversation and prolonged hugs. I'm tall lean brown and emotional. You: atypical; like to live alone and need that hugging! Call ★★7600 or write PO Box 640977, SF 94164-0977.

Where Have You Been Hiding?

I have been looking for you everywhere but have yet to find you. I'm a 24 y.o. GWM, cute, 5'8", blk/hzl, stocky, and HIV-. I live in Marin and enjoy dancing, hiking, working out, theater and politics. If you are looking for a relationship and you are under 35, let's make our dreams come true. Write PO Box 402, Novato 94948 or call ★★7601.

Anyone In Humboldt County?

Attractive Italian, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, HIV-, brown/bald, short beard/moustache, nonsmoker seeks another together, mature, in-shape, nonsmoking man. I'm Eureka based but travel is no problem. Enjoy home activities, reading, music, good conversation, board games, quiet times. I'm clean, honest, considerate, dependable, all around nice guy. Let's connect and see what happens. Will answer everyone. Photo appreciated/returned. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043.

More Than Sex

Is great, but just sex is pretty good. Let's start there and see where it goes. I'm 5'9", 165, brown/blue, moustached, 48, healthy, and very well-hung. Also bright, humorous, conversational; interested in books, ideas, theater, film, the world. I like hot oral action, full body contact, manly encounter. I prefer but don't require men darker, hairy, younger. (Men of color are fine.) Passion plus. Call ★★7602.

Let's Learn To Dance

Freshly out of 7-year relationship and free to learn country-western and salsa dancing. Am handsome GWM, 38, 5'11", 170 lbs., brn/brn, hairy, HIV-, masculine, NS, intelligent and community minded. Seeking dance partner to take classes with who'd prefer to lead. If the chemistry is right, am also seeking intimacy and the sharing of other pleasures: exercise, movies, projects, classical music, good food, and the exploration of ideas, feelings and the world. Call ★★7603.

Want Tall, Dark, Handsome

Norwegian/Irish, 37, 6'5", 210, fit, sensitive boy wants lasting love. I'm fun, witty, big-hearted, with myriad of interests, content home, splendid friends and multitudinous abundances, sans lover. Like me you are handsome, spirited, outrageous, versatile, HIV-, willing to go where it goes. We believe it's all possible with passion, courage, spirituality and heart. Big no-no's: cigarettes, drugs, lazy libidos, bad teeth and fashion-over-passion. Call ★★7604.

I Know It's Gonna Happen Someday

A boyfriend, romance, love! I'm an attractive QWM, 5'11" and a youthful 35. I'm humorous, intelligent, creative, spiritual, fun, responsible, honest, romantic and optimistic. My interests include progressive music, dancing, reading queer politics, exploring SF and the outdoors, dinners, concerts, movies, theater and cuddling at home watching videos. I'm looking for a relationship (or friendship) with a fun guy, 22-40, with the same qualities and some of my interests. Call ★★7605.

Black, Latin, Asian

This handsome GWM from North Bay wants to meet you if you are one of the above. You must appreciate a man of 58, 5'11", 182, gray/bald, 'stache, HIV-. Let's get together for friendship, safe sex. I like movies, music, gym, theater, quiet times, dining out, beaches. Call ★★7606.

Travel Buddy Wanted

GWM, 37, airline employee, seeks to meet new friends for weekend travel. Am also planning a weeklong trip to Hawaii. I would like to meet a travel companion to share expenses. Also Chile/Argentina in early '94. I'm tired of traveling alone. Mail responses only. Reply BT Box JY109A.

Making Movies Together

Seek lover/companion/partner to produce quality gay narratives in low-stress environment. I have vision, imagination, skills, knowledge, experience. Looking for a man who shares my dream and is willing to work cooperatively to make it a reality. Warmth, sensitivity, patience, optimism & good sense of humor are important. I admire Jost, Wenders, Jaglom, Rohmer. No smoking, drinking or drugs. PO Box 14022, SF 94114 or call ★★7607.

I Like To Fuck—No, I Love To Fuck!

Thought that'd get your attention. GWM topman, 32, 5'8", 160#, brn/grn, moustache, well-hung, looking for Black bottoms who love to suck cock and get fucked. I'm a sane, safe, genuinely nice guy who turns into a savage, thrusting beast behind closed doors. Your sweet mouth and fine Black booty will know they've had a work out. Give it up to me! Call ★★7608.

Unlike Other Ads

You'll probably be very pleasantly surprised if you answer this one. I'm 29, HIV-, professional, Asian American with a gym-toned physique. While beauty is subjective, everyone I've encountered will agree my looks are definitely well above average, some think I'm Eurasian. More importantly, I'm intelligent, caring, romantic and fun to be with. I'm not placing this ad because I have difficulty meeting men, but I don't care much for the club scene or the attitude and smoke that go with it. I hope to meet attractive sincere guys (21-33) for friendship and more. Call ★★7609.

Fun-Loving GAM

Seeks man under 37 for friend and/or more. I'm 28, 5'10", 165 lbs., attractive, w/nice gym-toned body. Let's go dancing, walking, talking, etc. HIV-, NS, ND. Call ★★7610.

Pretty feminine bottom, Asian or other (TV a plus) sought by gentle masculine AM top, attractive, professional, 36, 5'10", 170. I'm educated, HIV-, not into scene, relationship-oriented (it's been a long time), and looking for someone similar with a kind heart. I'd like to enjoy good food, conversation, diverse interests, massage and warm companionship with someone younger, smooth, petite, slender and on the shy side. Closeted welcome. Reply 2124 Kittredge St., #131, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★7611.

Damn The Odds

Tried 'em all: waiters, lawyers, barbers, artists, drag queens, bowlers, gynecologists. Mexican equestrian, Puerto Rican fashion aficionado, Cuban social psychologist, Portuguese exorcist, Russian Jew Brazilian architect, Norwegian/Chinese model, married New York lounge singer. Tried 'em straight to crooked, short to tall, light to dark, open to closed, sex gentle to rough. Haven't found lasting love yet. Call ★★7612.

Husband Material

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. Prefer HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape. You are youthful at least in outlook, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors-oriented triple pluses. Call ★★7613.

Hugs And Kisses Come First

Love caught us by surprise. It changed our lonely lives. We may be frightened, but hold my hand as we explore the power of love. Me: lonely, honest, shy, sincere, attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., top. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, slim, bottom. Interests include music, concerts, cabaret, plays. Looking for affectionate individuals who want more than a one-night stand. Call ★★7614.

Seeking Lifemate

In need, as I am, of caring, honesty, companionship, intimacy, love. Mutually supportive, monogamous, non-competitive relationship essential as framework to build sharing future where trust, caring, friendship are paramount. I'm GWM, 50, 5'8", stocky, HIV-, smoker, social drinker, thinning gray hair, moustache, parent, Peninsula resident—lost lover of nine years in '91. Appear self-sufficient but hopelessly romantic needing to give/receive love/affection. Enjoy home, garden, reading, music, writing, volunteer work, outdoors, travel—all on a modest budget. My emotional/humorous/creative side predominates. Don't enjoy instability, pretentious intellectuals, insincerity. You are about 45-55, HIV-, have experienced joys/trials of total relationship and know the rewards far outweigh the work. Your physical characteristics, sexual proclivities less important than trusting/caring nature, warm heart, mature outlook, sense of humor and need to share life and love. Reply BT Box JY110A or call ★★7615.

Queer Fen

GWM, 29, 5'10", 155, hzl/brn, neofen seeks others. Do you filk? Into TNG, DS9, XXV, TSR, B&B, NASA? Have an SFF? Worldcon is coming and I'm looking for some gay company. Whether you believe that FIAWOL or FIJAGH, use the Post Offal to reply to BT Box JY111A or call ★★7616.

Cum And Get It

Nasty boy likes big dicks, hairy legs, muscular guys. Dig J/O, TT, WS, S/M, kinky sex. Me: 32, 5'10", 175#, muscular. Let's do it all night long. HIV- only. Call ★★7617.

Combinations: Chemistry

Yeah, we know you like: beach walks, full moons, eating out by candlelight, movies & all performing arts, blah, blah, blah. Who doesn't? There must be more to you than the usual cliches. Clean-cut/ponytail, hunky/lean, dark/blond, 28-42, dog lover/cat lover, serious/frivolous, witty/smartass, rich/poor with ambition, soft & sensuous/wild & passionate, intelligent/honest, creative/crazy, sex in bed/sex anywhere, handsome/cute, passionate kisser, hairless back, good teeth—great sense of humor. GAM, 38 (I look younger—yet another cliche), 5'10", 155, br/br, attractive (another cliche), definitely not fat but not a body of steel either—I work out but prefer to live at home, not at the gym. Tell me something witty, charming, funny, creative, engrossing, personal, etc., but don't leave me only a list. Call ★★7618.

Young Slave Sought

By firm yet considerate of your limits GWM older master of 69, 5'8", 155, healthy and HIV-. You are good-looking, trim or BB, 18-40, submissive, trainable, healthy and also HIV-. Let us explore our mutual sexual interests together. Never too old or too young to learn. Let's do it! "Sir R," 537 Jones St., #1297, SF 94102 or call ★★7619.

How Soon Is Now

37 y.o. GM, handsome, Italian-looking, 5'9", 165 lbs., into cycling, dining, cafe-hopping, movies, travel, languages and music. I'm somewhat cynical, witty and happy being single. Looking for a GM, 30-40 yrs. old, Latin or Mediterranean background, weight in proportion to height, smooth, NS, with similar interests who is also comfortable being single, but open to possibilities that one plus one might produce. Call ★★7620.

I Love To Kiss!

Passionate HIV+ GWM, 32 y.o., 6'2", 180#, br/gr, cleanshaven, in-shape & very good-looking seeks other HIV+ men, 25-38 y.o., for dating, friendship, fun, affection (I'm very touchy), kissing, romance & more. I like everything from quiet evenings together renting movies and cuddling on the couch to wild nights out dancing. Early retirees encouraged to reply. Call ★★7621.

Such A Deal—And More...

Jewish male, mid-40s, 6'2", 185#, hairy and negative. Seeking sincerity, affection, honesty—some chemistry. If you're into a caring, sharing type of guy who is stable, intelligent, ethnic, unpretentious—with a proven track record—then I think we should talk. Call me at ★★7622.

Not In Love's Endless Coma...

Instead this Chicano male wants to enjoy the rest of the summer. I've tried the bar scene but I'm looking for someone to enjoy evenings filled w/ heavy doses of sushi, caffeine & good conversation. I'm 5'8", 165 lbs., medium built, shaved head (otherwise black hair). My interests vary: MacNeil/Lehrer to BH 90210; Henry Rollins to Dostoyevsky; Frida Kahlo to Virgin Mary. Looking for a somewhat mentally stable, creative individual w/an eclectic perspective in life. No anti-smoking fascists nor snippy party queens. Call ★★7623.

Let's Pillow Talk

A bright mind, cheerful outlook turn me on faster than anything (except maybe my nipples) and will last longer than gorgeous face and form. Professional GWM, 40s, seeks slightly younger, but over 30, buddy/mate, educated, conversational, creative, libidinous. I'm blond, 5'9", 160, HIV+, smoker, very oral, great kisser. We both have common sense, good jobs, value home, friends, upscale lifestyle. Both great catches. Let's pillow talk. Call ★★7624.

HIV+ Friends

Looking for HIV+ men over 40 to share experiences and information. I have been positive for two years and know few who are the same. This is not a sex ad. I am interested in making friends and building support. Me: 53-yr-old GWM, NS, ND. Call ★★7625.

Looking For A Man Of Substance

I would like to meet masculine guys under 35 who are relationship-oriented. Together we live

life to its fullest, valuing honesty, dependability and understanding. Shared interests may include exploring the City (not just the Castro), dancing (CW, club), dining out as well as in, hiking, and staying in good shape. I'm a medical student, Caucasian, 26, 5'10", 165 lbs., HIV-, NS, ND, and Midwest grown. Let's take a chance! Reply BT Box JY112A or call ★★7626.

For The Serious At Heart

Attractive, sincere GBM, graduate student, 29, HIV-, 6'2", 180 lbs., hazel-brown eyes, with great smile and in-shape. Enjoy working out, cycling, cooking, the outdoors, conversation, and movies. I'm interested in an educated professional (or grad student) GBM/GLM/GWM (no specific preference) between 25-40 who is attractive, honest, HIV- (tall a plus), fit and NS, ND, with similar or compatible interests. Don't be bashful. Call me. Call ★★7627.

Latest Polls Indicate

97% of guys at the gym describe me as tall, tanned, 35, very handsome and muscular (6', 170, brown/green). 98% of my friends think I'm outgoing, intelligent and successful. 99% of people I've had sex with say I'm positively, absolutely hot. Less than 1% of all guys reading this are 25-45, exceptionally attractive, well-built, brainy and interesting. You know who you are. 100% of you should call. Call ★★7628.

Avant Garde Queer Latino Man

Seeks Afro-Latinos, Afro-Brasileiros, and multiracial men for real solid friendships (romance is secondary... but I'm open). I welcome open-minded, sane, intelligent, health-conscious, gay, bi or FTM men. My interests: dancing, cafes, "foreign" films, the outdoors, art, international music, etc. Serious only please. Prefer no flakes, Rambo-types, conservatives, alcohol/drugs/smoking. Call ★★7629.

Hot & Sexy Is...

... A self-appreciative, self-respecting, intelligent, petite man, 5'6" or shorter, sensuous, gentle, graceful, with brown bedroom eyes, clean long dark hair and a hot body (from swimmer's to buffed). I'm: 5'8", 170#. HIV-, intelligent, progressive, FTM man (pre), seeking "hot 'n sexy" man for galleries, cafes, beaches, cinema, etc. Serious only please. Prefer no cross-dressers, racists, 12-steppers, alcohol/drugs/smoking. Call ★★7630.

Assume The Position...

Over my knee for quick, fun slaps with my hand or ? until your beefy buns glow. Wear tight jeans or sexy shorts & this good-looking (no kidding!), in-shape, 27 y.o. GWM will administer well-deserved punishment. I'm nicely endowed, more top than bottom, have great hands. You are under 30, cute, in great shape, preferably with big brown eyes. Reply BT Box JY113A or call ★★7631.

Racquetball/Workout Partner Wanted

Yeah, I know this is a wordy and G-rated ad among all these abbreviated descriptions. So if my measurements are your focus then you should scan down to another ad. My desire is to meet someone who is able to compete with me on the racquetball court and inspire me in my workouts (or at least make me sweat and breathe hard—and that doesn't have to be limited to the gym). Companionship outside the gym could be in the form of tennis, rollerblading, flea markets and thrift shops, cards and games with friends or just walking through the Bay Area and sharing conversation interspersed with an occasional painful pun. He could educate me in his areas of interest and, I would hope, appreciate my dedication to safer sex. If you are still reading this ad and would like to reply, then please write to E. at PO Box 190152, SF 94119-0152 or call ★★7632.

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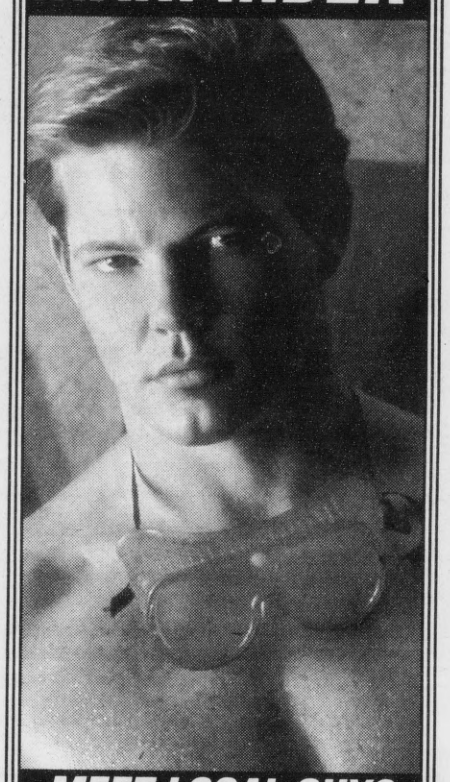

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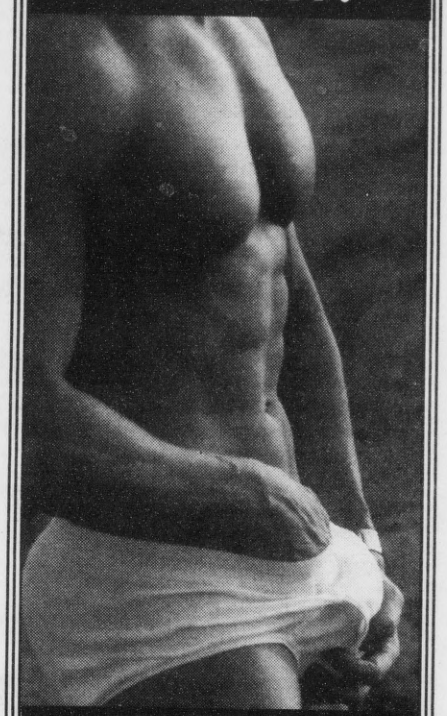

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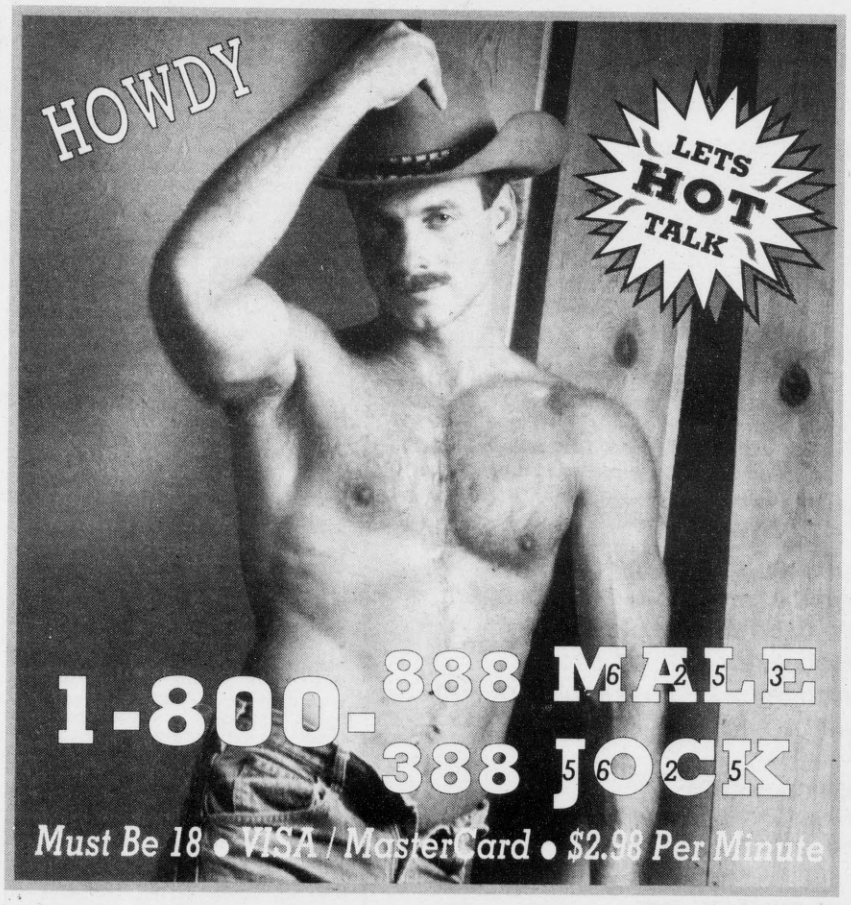

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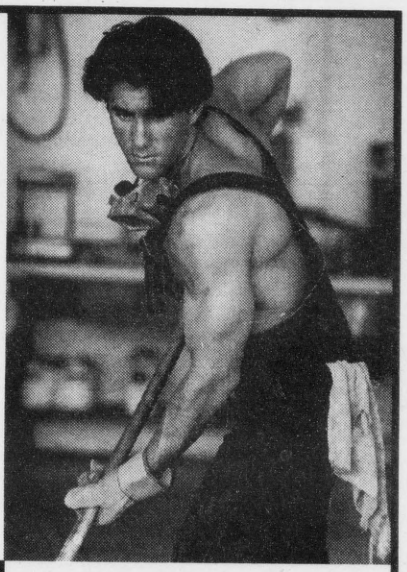

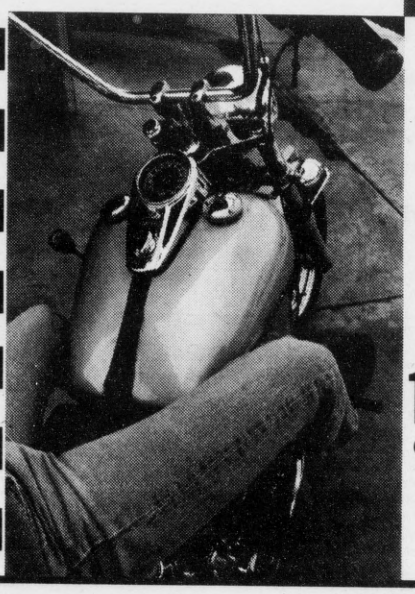

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45 y.o. HIV + GWM, 6'4", 250 lbs., beard, huge balls, seeks versatile men for strictly sexual encounters. Into tit play, WS, hairy in-shape men. You should be adventurous, aggressive and sure of yourself. I also enjoy group sex, parks, etc. I particularly enjoy sucking off groups. If this sounds interesting to you, call and tell me about yourself and your personal kinks, your most embarrasing fantasies and dirty secrets. Reply BT Box JY115A or call ★★7633.

Renaissance Man
GWM, 35, brown, blue, 165, stocky 5'8", bearded, athletic, attractive classical musician looking for clean/sober intelligent companion (GWM, HIV + preferred) with interests in classical music, jazz, art, drama, literature, philosophy, comparative religion, psychology, astrophysics, etc. Civic minded a plus. I also like hiking, swimming, cooking and cuddling. Reply BT Box JY116A or call ★★7634.

Money Back Guarantee
Are you questioning the accuracy of these ads? If so, read on. I'm extremely good-looking, straight-acting, athletic and HIV-. Other stats: 5'6", 148, gym-toned body, Filipino American with Spanish surname, 27-yr-old. Although my description might lead you to believe otherwise I'm personable and down-to-earth with a continual sense of humor. Been out for about two years and have a cross-section of straight, bi and gay friends. I like a variety of sports, hobbies and interests—watching everything from C-Span to MTV. My drawback is that I'm preoccupied with college and work (professional). If you are young, hip, really attractive, HIV- and are a GWM (preferably but not necessarily) think about responding to this ad (send photo if comfortable). If we meet and you're not satisfied with the accuracy of this ad, you'll receive a full refund of 96 cents. Thanks. Call ★★7635.

Short, Beautiful And Ready!
White male, 38, 5'6", 125 lbs., long hair, seeks positive, creative, loving man! I'm a grad student, but I have time to start a good friendship. I don't smoke, drink alcohol, or use drugs—I ask that you be free of these habits, too. I particularly like slim short men, of any race. Employed man or student sought. Let's talk & share our lives soon! Call ★★7636.

A Midwestern Type Of Guy
Sincere, bright, self-aware and exercised GWM looking for new friends or more. Stats: 39, 5'11", 170#, brn hair (sparse on top), hazel eyes, moustache, HIV- and Jewish. Have varied interests and talents. Friends consider me nurturing, warm and witty—I agree. Seek Caucasian or Hispanic man who shares/complements/appreciates the above characteristics. Call ★★7637.

Latin Spark, Passionate Heart
Latin Americanized, deeply masculine, soulful WM—spiritual, passionate, attractive, youthful with sensuous, muscular body (well-proportioned, lean, gym & field exercised, 5'6", 140), seeks affectionate, in-shape, playful, insightful, sparky Latino or other man, 35-50, in touch with his macho energy, fierce animal fire, nurturing softness for indoor and outdoor adventures, cultural events, massage, wrestling, sensual bliss, substantive friendship. Call ★★7638.

Professional Wanted
I'm an HIV-, handsome, honest, outgoing, fun-loving, crazy, huggable, husky, Mexican/Dutch boy, 23 yrs. old, 5'8", 180#, brn/brn, looking for mentally and physically stimulating relationship w/a versatile, goal-oriented, got it together, well-hung guy who wants to grow together. Let's watch "I Love Lucy," get inspired and go conquer the world together. Signed, Hopeful Romantic. Call ★★7639.

Let's Create Magic Together
I want a real man to walk the path of life together. Someone willing to talk about our innermost feelings, the meaning of life, who can laugh at a silly joke and be mature enough to support one another on our personal as well as spiritual growth. I am a sexy, intelligent, world-traveled, literate and economically independent professional who meditates and practices yoga. Have been described as a handsome man with Mediterranean looks, age 44, 5'11", 180 lbs., who is versatile/top and very passionate under the sheets. Born and raised in a Latin country, I bring all the fun, color, flavor, music and romance of a Latin lover to my relationship. I want my soulmate to be handsome, romantic and spiritually aware. he is 35-45, weight proportionate, masculine, not pierced (ear OK) and sexually versatile/bottom. I want us to grow together and to create magic together. Please send letter with photo (returnable) and tell me what you want out of a relationship. Reply BT Box JY117A or call ★★7640.

Hairy GWMs
That's the main physical attribute I look for. Aside from that I have a wide range of tastes. I don't care what's on your head as long as what's in it appreciates a quick, dry wit, culture, intelligence, monogamy, fun and a great sense of humor. I'm a GWM, 25, 5'9", 190#, a bit bearish, very laid-back, masculine and hairy with a trim beard and crewcut (but without the clone mentality). I'm addicted to music (anything non-mainstream) and fanatical about films (non-Hollywood). I'm a non-militant vegetarian who abhors the gym but prefers hiking and biking for exercise. I don't smoke tobacco and rarely drink and ask that you do the same. So, if you're a great kisser, my age to 30something and share any or none of the above (hey, opposites do attract!) then give me a call. Call ★★7641.

Sensual Erotic Play
Let me hold you firmly, stroke you gently, taste those lips, lick you all over, as we begin to move sweetly in unison. Looking for sweet lovemaking or at least sensual play. I'm 5'11", 40, 180, W, brn/brn, HIV-, fit (exercise regularly), outdoorsy, attractive, intelligent, upbeat, playful. I hope you're attractive, sensual, fit (I'm nuts for nice thighs and buns), 20s-30s, HIV-, any race/ethnicity. Call ★★7642.

Just Good Friends
6'5", 195 lbs., handsome and masculine, in good health (but not buffed!). Seeking down-to-earth, loving companions, with sense of humor, similarly healthy, up to age 40: to explore friendship and possibly intimacy through quiet talks over dinner, walks, theater, movies, Josie's Cabaret, short trips, or just relaxing at home with a video. Not necessarily looking for a one and only, just a few genuine comrades. Reply BT Box JY118A or call ★★7643.

Touch Of Class
This sophisticated and somewhat refined, athletic Asian is seeking to meet a similar WM cultivated on the arts of human relationship and exploring our male sexuality through safe sex. We are cleanshaven, nonsmokers, physically active and fit, and have smooth, slender or muscular bodies. Enjoy multi-ethnic cultural arts and foods, workouts, camping, dancing, travel, films and KQED. Stats: 45, youthful (inward and outward), 5'9", 150. HIV-. Call ★★7644.

Destined To Meet
Asian male with good looks, athletic build, smooth, 28 y.o., 5'7", 140, serene, content, level-headed, confident, understated professional. Enjoys life, heart-to-heart conversations, hugs, looking into your eyes, holding each other to sleep, sharing each other's mind & soul and affectionate sex. Also free-spirited, in-depth understanding & appreciation of life, kind-hearted yet strong, man of conviction. I don't fall in love as often anymore, but who knows? Seeks similar, in-shape, attractive, stable GWM under 34, in touch with himself, with a need to touch and connect. I believe in truth in advertising. Your picture gets mine. Let's meet now. Reply BT Box JY119A or call ★★7645.

I'm 23
And I must be crazy submitting a personal ad, but it was free so what the hell. I'm 5'11", 145 lbs., tan, straight-acting, and very cute—at least that's what I hear everytime I walk into a bar, and I'm fresh in the SF scene. OK. Mr. Right is between 18-26, quite a cute stud, masc, and a GWM. I live in central Contra Costa but work and play mostly in the City. ND—pot excepted. Call ★★7646.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

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FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

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SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through September 1. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

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BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
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Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00
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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

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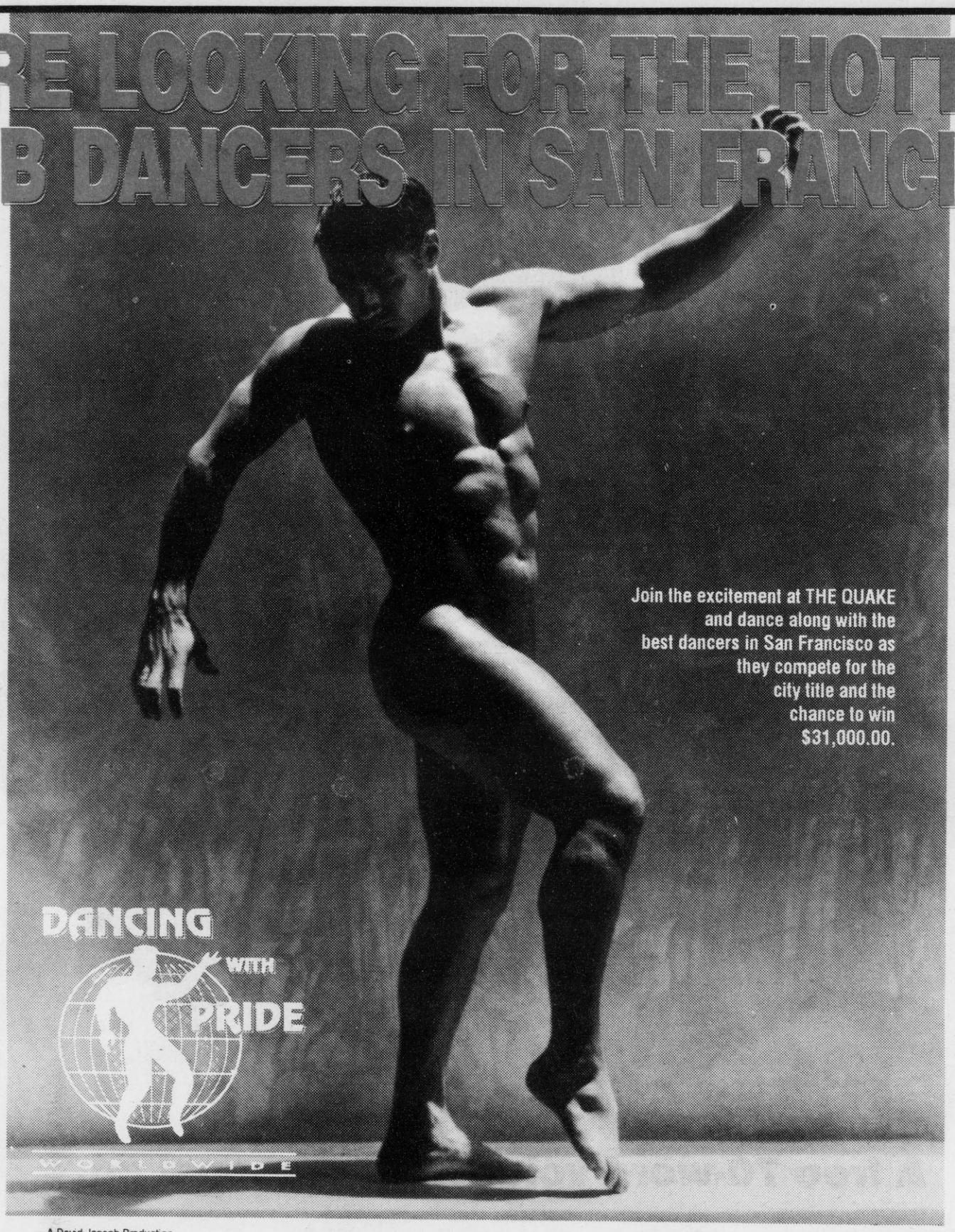

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The First International Gay Free-Style (Go-Go) Dance Competition

Starting this summer in cities across America, gay dancers will compete for a place in the USA Finals to be held in LA on October 9th. Similar contests will be held in 14 other countries worldwide, the 15 finalists meeting in Los Angeles in June 1994 for the World Championship as part of the Gay Pride Week celebrations.

1st Heat July 7th.

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